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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
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CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION,
AND THE
SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Connecticut Baptist Education Society

TOGETHER WITH
REPORTS OF OTHER AFFILIATED SOCIETIES ; CONFERENCE OF THE BAPTIST
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ALL MEETINGS HELD WITH THE
First Church of Meriden,
October 17-19, 1898.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS WITH
FIRST CHURCH, WATERBURY,
October 16-18, 1899.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE BAPTIST
CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND VICINITY—PASSED
MAY, 1824.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That Asa Wilcox, Jonathan Goodwin, Augustus Bolles, Joseph B. Gilbert, Robert Francis, Elisha Cushman, Roswell Burrows, Oliver Wilson, John Turney, Jeremiah Brown, Claudius L. Collins, Rufus Babcock, Wm. H. Manning, and Wm. Quiner, and their associates, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the *General Convention of the Baptist Churches in the State of Connecticut and Vicinity*, and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession; shall be capable of suing and being sued, plead and being impleaded, in all suits of what nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure; and may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars. *Provided* that said income, whatever may be the amount thereof, be annually expended and appropriated to the purposes designated in said petition.

Said Convention may from time to time, elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may make by-laws respecting the number, qualifications and duties of their officers and members, prescribe the mode of election, and admission of members, the time, place and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum, and all other by-laws and regulations the said convention may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns, to promote and secure the essential objects of said Convention as expressed in their constitution, not repugnant to the laws of this State or of the United States.

The first meeting of said Convention shall be holden at the Baptist Meeting House in the city of Middletown, in the county of Middlesex, on the second Wednesday of June, A. D. 1824, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

This act of incorporation, or any part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed, at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

RESOLVE IN ALTERATION, PASSED MAY, 1829.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That said corporation be hereafter called and known by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Convention.*"

CONSTITUTION OF CONVENTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the organization and maintenance of Baptist Churches and Sunday-schools in the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE III. This Convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist churches in Connecticut, of the same faith and order as the present associated Baptist Churches. Each of such churches as shall have contributed to the funds of the Convention during the year last preceding the annual meeting, may be represented by its pastor and one delegate for every one hundred and fraction of one hundred resident members; provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five delegates besides its pastor. Every church having one or more schools connected therewith may elect and send an additional delegate to represent each such school.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, and whose duties shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE V. There shall be a Board of Trustees, not exceeding thirty-three (33) in number, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be chosen annually by ballot. At the first election they shall be chosen in classes of one, two, and three years. At least one-third of the trustees shall be laymen. The Trustees, together with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Management, in which shall be vested all the privileges and authority of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE VI. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present at any annual meeting, after one year's previous notice.

BY-LAWS FOR GOVERNMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

1. The Convention shall meet on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the morning shall be devoted to the transaction of business in the following order:

1. Calling to order.
2. Reading of the Scriptures and Prayer.
3. Address of the President.
4. Calling Roll of Delegates.
5. Report of Trustees.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Election of Officers.

Tuesday afternoon and evening shall be devoted to the mission work of the Convention. Reports shall be heard from the Superintendent of Missions, from the Committee on the State of the Churches, and from the Committee on Sunday-schools, together with addresses upon these interests. The annual sermon, if any be provided, shall be preached at such hour as Committee of Arrangements shall decide. Wednesday morning the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will hold its annual session. Wednesday afternoon shall be devoted to reports of committees and to miscellaneous business.

2. The President shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. Standing committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) On Arrangements for Next Year. (2) On Sunday Schools. (3) On Obituaries. (4) On New Churches. (5) On Temperance. (6) On State of the Churches. (7) On Home and Foreign Mission Work; and such other committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

3. The Committee of Arrangements shall endeavor to provide that the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies may not be held during the hours the Convention is in session. The annual reports of their meetings may be read in open meetings of the Convention, and by the vote of the Convention may be spread upon the minutes.

4. No objects other than those provided for by the Constitution shall be presented at the annual meeting, unless by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

5. The proceedings of the Convention shall be regulated by the ordinary rules governing deliberate assemblies.

6. The minutes shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the Convention.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1. The Board of Trustees shall hold three meetings during the year, one immediately after the session of the Convention, one in the month of April, and one on the day preceding the next meeting of the Convention. Other meetings may be called by the Secretary at the request of the President, or five members of the Board.

2. The President of the Convention shall preside at all meetings of the Board; in his absence the Vice-President shall preside; in the absence of both President and Vice-President the Board shall choose a President *pro tem*. The Secretary shall be *ex-officio* secretary of the Board.

3. At the first meeting of the Board, each year, it shall elect from its members an Executive Committee of fifteen (15), including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditor. It shall also appoint a Finance Committee of three. It may appoint other committees if deemed expedient.

4. At the meeting of the Board, in October, the Board of Trustees may appoint a Superintendent of missions, who shall have the general oversight of the work of the Convention under the direction of the Board or of its Executive Committee. The salary of the Superintendent shall be fixed by the Board, and his year of service shall be from the time of his appointment till the next subsequent meeting of the convention.

5. The Board may, at any of its regular meetings, appoint such missionary or missionaries, for evangelistic work within the State, and for such terms of service as it may deem expedient.

6. The Board shall have power to provide means for raising funds for the Convention; also to dispose of said funds according to the provisions of the charter and the Constitution.

7. The Board of Trustees, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, shall, through its Secretary, send to each church and pastor in the State a printed circular, setting forth the number of missionaries appointed by the Convention, the amount of money required to meet the yearly expenditure, together with the approximate amount each church should contribute.

8. All appropriations in aid of churches and for payment of missionaries shall be made by the Board in accordance with the regulations laid down in the by-laws.

9. The Board shall make report of all its transactions to the Convention at its annual meeting.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times during the year, in the months of October, January, April and July, and at any other time at the call of the President and Secretary. They shall consider and report upon all applications for aid. When the Board is not in session its authority shall vest in the Executive Committee, but no contract or agreement made by the Executive Committee shall remain in force beyond the time of the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees unless approved by the Board, except in such cases as have been referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

2. The Executive Committee shall make full report of all its transactions to the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee.

2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

3. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Convention. He shall be the custodian of the securities of the Convention, and shall keep a

careful record of all permanent, conditional, and special trust funds, with a brief statement of the conditions under which they are held and the particulars concerning their investment. He shall keep each class of funds separate and distinct from every other, and from the several funds of the Convention. He shall prepare a monthly statement of the condition of the treasury and submit the same to the Executive Committee through the Secretary. He shall execute all financial documents, and when necessary, affix thereto the seal of the Convention unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specifically direct. He shall make payments out of the treasury only upon the written order of the Secretary. Whenever required by the Executive Committee he shall give bonds to such an amount as they may direct.

4. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committees. He shall furnish for publication in the *Christian Secretary* brief reports of all important transactions in their meetings, as far as the interest of the Convention will admit. The quarterly reports of the churches aided by the Convention, and of the missionaries employed, shall be made to the Board through him, and he shall prepare, for each meeting of the Board and of its Executive Committee, a statement of the business which needs to be brought before it. He shall draw orders on the treasury only as authorized by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee.

5. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make a report thereof to the Convention once a year, and each quarter if required by the Board.

6. The Finance Committee shall have charge of, and approve by their signature, the investment of all the trust funds of the Convention subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. They may require of the Treasurer, statements of all transactions relating to trust funds, and of current receipts and expenditures whenever they deem it necessary. They may authorize the temporary transfer by the Treasurer of the funds of the Convention from one class to another whenever they may deem it necessary. They may, with the Secretary, direct the payment of amounts, not exceeding fifty dollars, in exigencies that cannot await the action of the Board of Trustees or of its Executive Committee. Under no circumstances shall any of the funds of the Convention be loaned to any officer, legal advisor, or member of the Executive Committee, or to any corporation or business enterprise in which any of them is personally interested.

RULES TO GOVERN APPROPRIATIONS.

1. All churches assisted by the Convention shall make their quarterly reports to the Board through the Secretary. All appropriations.

to churches shall be made quarterly, and no application for aid will be considered until the report of the church has been received. Quarterly reports must be sent in during the first weeks in October, January, April and July.

2. Appropriations will be made to churches only when such churches have settled pastors, and when they shall have made, within the year preceding, contributions for at least three objects of benevolence, including the Domestic Mission work of the Connecticut Baptist Convention.

3. No appropriation shall be made to any church, when in the judgment of the Executive Committee the pastor of the church is not considered worthy of such aid. It is therefore recommended that any church without a pastor applying for aid, shall confer with the Superintendent of Missions, or the Executive Committee, before the choice and settlement of a pastor.

4. No appropriation shall be recommended, or be made toward the erection of any house of worship until the approval of the plan by the Executive Committee shall have been secured; and in all cases where such appropriations amount to \$500 or more, the church or society so aided shall execute to the Convention a deed of trust of the property, which shall be held by the Convention until such time as the Board of Trustees shall deem it expedient to reconvey the property.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The Superintendent of Missions shall have the general oversight and care of the entire work of the Convention under the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall visit the churches aided by the Convention as frequently as may be, consistently with his other duties. He shall investigate any new enterprises that should be brought to the attention of the Board and report the same. He shall, as opportunity may offer, present the claims of the Convention before the churches and receive subscriptions and collections for the Convention. He shall be present at all meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, to counsel and advise in all their actions, but shall have no vote. He shall advise the churches aided by the Convention on all matters in which his advice is asked, but he shall not pledge the Convention to any pecuniary aid except as authorized in each case by the Board of Trustees or by its Executive Committee.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws, except such as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee, may be changed or additions made thereto at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote.

Such of these By-Laws as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee shall be of equal binding force with the provisions of the Constitution, and can be changed only by a two-thirds

vote of all the members present at the annual meeting of the Convention, and after one year's notice.

GENERAL RESOLUTION.

All resolutions, or parts of the same, heretofore adopted by the Convention, Board of Trustees, or Executive Committee, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws are hereby repealed.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.

All churches sending delegates to the Convention are bound by their obligations to God and their brethren, to make annual contribution to its treasury, and none, large or small, ought, in any case, to fail in this important duty. They are requested to be very particular and exact in their appointment of delegates and designation of funds, and see that these funds are placed in the Treasury, and published in the minutes of the Convention.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Quarterly reports of their condition, financial and religious, should be made to the Secretary of the Convention, by the pastors and clerks of all churches aided.

Applications for aid must be made by the formal action of the church seeking it, signed by the clerk or pastor, with a plain statement of their condition and wants, to be submitted to the Board.

Appropriations shall be withheld from churches which neglect to make contributions to the four following objects: State Missions, the Education Society, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions; and the evidence of such contributions shall be the books and reports of the Treasurers.

No moneys ought to be credited to Domestic or State Missions which were not placed in the Treasury of the Convention for that purpose.

☞ All statistics respecting *members* and *finance* ought to be precise and accurate.

LEGACIES.

FORM OF A LEGACY.—I also give and bequeath to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *dollars, lands, houses, or other property,* for the purpose of the Convention, as specified in the act of incorporation. And I hereby direct my executor or executors to pay said sum to the Treasurer of said Convention, taking his receipt for it, within *months* after my decease. [If *real estate* is devised, describe the *premises* with exactness—both lots and buildings.]

FOR THE BUILDING FUND.—I give and devise to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION, *money, lands, houses, bonds—as the case may be—* for the Building Fund, to aid in procuring or paying for suitable Houses of Worship for Mission Churches.

A similar form will answer for THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. Only be careful to specify the name.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Convention.

MERIDEN, CONN., Oct. 18, 1898.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention was held in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, Meriden, on the above date.

President Grippin called the Convention to order at 10 P. M.

After singing "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," Rev. W. G. Fennell, pastor of the church, welcomed the Convention.

Mr. President and Members of the Churches assembled:

I stand here this morning in a representative capacity. My words are but the expression of a sincere welcome that lies deep and broad in the hearts of the people.

The city of Meriden greets you. Like Jerusalem of old, it is "beautiful for situation"; we have mountains on three sides, and on the south we are open to sunshine and the sea. We are like Rome also in being built on seven hills, a point some of you will appreciate before three days are over. You will hardly have time to learn the charm of all our natural scenery.

The churches of Meriden greet you. I believe it is not presumption to say this. Among the denominations of this city there is an unusual degree of Christian fellowship. Each is sufficiently broad to respect the opinions of others and to extend the hand of brotherhood. Four denominations of our city, the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Episcopalians, have very nearly equal membership — about eleven hundred each, and each has a stronghold in the city. There is loyal adherence on the part of all to the common rock principle of our faith. It might be said of the preaching of Meriden that it maintains to an unusual degree the evangelistic tone.

The Baptists of Meriden greet you, and this in a very genuine sense. When we sent you the invitation to meet us this year, it was not until the other Baptist churches had voted to approve the

plan and to assist in making it a success. When the preparations for your coming began, they began with us, and have maintained their interest to this day. The entertainment you receive this year should be set down to the Baptist churches of Meriden, not to any one church.

But while these churches have united to welcome you, we may be pardoned for adding a special word for the old First Church. Always enjoying a good degree of harmony, I have never seen more perfect unanimity in plan and purpose than in the arrangements for this Convention. The entire church has come forward "as one man."

We welcome you to historic ground. Baptist history goes back in this community to 1731. Groton was the first church, in 1705, Waterford the second, in 1710. Waterford established a branch in Wallingford in 1731, and it was called the Third Baptist Church of Connecticut. What is now Meriden was then a part of Wallingford. Their place of meeting was three to four miles southeast of this place. Rev. John Merriman was ordained here and afterwards preached for many years in Southington. His grave appears in a neglected cemetery of Southington to-day. The stone is in a good state of preservation. His death is dated 1784 and he is called Calvinistic Anti-paedo Baptist minister. We would suggest that some of the members from Southington, Waterbury, Wallingford, and Meriden churches, all of whom have shared in the blessing of his ministry, sometime appoint a day and meet at his grave for a memorial service. His ministry was to the center of the state what Valentine Wightman's ministry was to southeastern Connecticut.

This early church, after some years, ceased to exist; but Baptists are Baptists, and only waited an opportunity to begin their services again. In 1786 the scattered forces with new families that had come in talked up the matter of reorganization, and in August of that year twelve members formed the First Wallingford church. This was two or three miles southeast of this edifice. Our early records, which have lately come again into our possession, show that this church finally granted letters to form the second Wallingford church in what is now Wallingford proper. First Wallingford church was named First Meriden with the setting off of this town.

For one hundred years this church has had a steady growth. Many of their pastors have been men of power and influence. Rev. Samuel Miller, Harvey Miller, Dr. D. Henry Miller, Dr. H. A. Cordo, Dr. B. O. True, and Rev. J. V. Garton are some of those whose names are enshrined in the hearts of the people. From this church have gone out the Main Street Church, which has become a strong body. From both have gone the Swedish and the German. Each church has a building, a pastor, and a parsonage.

Let us "break the record" of conventions this year, and make it one, not of reports and talk merely, but one of spiritual power.

How can we make it so? We are ministers and representatives of these churches. It is supposed that we know God. Let each heart be much in communion with Him. "Greater works than these shall ye do, because I go to the Father, and whatsoever ye shall ask in my name," on my authority, for the doing of these greater works, "I will give it unto you." Great efficiency promised us, a great reservoir of power for its accomplishment, it all depends upon our asking in His name. May God teach us how to ask aright.

President W. A. Grippin replied as follows:

Dear Brother Fennell, and Brethren and Sisters of Meriden:

It is a pleasure to respond to your kindly greeting, and, in behalf of the Connecticut Baptist Convention, I sincerely thank you for this warm welcome to your hearts and homes.

Twenty years have gone since our Convention last met in this city; we are pleased to be with you again, and trust, as we mingle, mutual benefit will result, and that the giving and receiving may be in such a spirit as shall incite to greater zeal in our work for the Master along the various lines which will be presented to us.

This is the seventy-fifth anniversary of our organization, and we are met, not only to review the doings of the past year and devise ways and means for future action, but, very properly, to survey somewhat the record made during this three-quarters of a century which has passed into history; a record which is a grand and lasting memorial to those to whom the Convention owes its existence, indicating in no uncertain manner that they indeed acted wisely and well. How much of good and advancement to the cause of Christ and our denomination, the efforts of these years have produced, eternity alone will unfold, but evidences in this line exist in such substantial and familiar form as should inspire increased thankfulness, renewed courage, and new resolves on the part of every true Baptist.

During the year just closing, adverse circumstances have been present in unexpected measure and because of them the hopeful anticipations entertained a year ago have come far short of realization; rumors of war, and, later, the stern realities of actual warfare have been factors very disturbing, diverting thought and action from convention interests to no little degree; in consequence, resources have not materialized to the extent expected, worthy appeals remain unsatisfied, our work has been restricted and it has been a struggle to "hold our own." This state of affairs should not be allowed to continue; under a favoring Providence the discouraging forces referred to have been removed, and with peace comes increased responsibility. How shall it be met? Shall it be with energetic and progressive action, or shall deplorable indifference impair efficiency and curtail results which with reasonable effort

and co-operation can and should be secured? Coming days will record the answer, and let me suggest that if it be unfavorable, it will not be from lack of ability to do, but of disposition.

One great need is an awakening of our people to such an extent that the claim of the Convention upon our benevolence will be properly appreciated and responded to; it should be regarded second to none; that this is not the case at present is conclusively indicated by the statistics of our associations, notwithstanding the vigorous and persistent endeavors to impress the magnitude and importance of our work and the requirements for its successful prosecution.

Our churches in many instances have responded generously to appeals made, but this has not been general, and until it is the work of necessity must be restricted and the Convention fall short of fulfilling its mission.

Let us see to it that our home field is adequately recognized and cared for, and when this is done we shall, without doubt, find it has not been at the expense of other interests, but, instead, has stimulated to greater accomplishments for all.

"The fields are white already to harvest"; aggressive action is in order, and it is clearly our duty, as it should be our pleasure, to manfully and courageously meet the situation, daring to undertake great things for Him, "whose right it is to rule and reign."

The President announced the following committees to report at this session:

On Nomination of Officers — Hon. James L. Howard, Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., Rev. A. C. Wheaton, Rev. J. A. Elder, Hon. James A. Manning, and Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D.

On Enrollment — Rev. F. D. Luddington, Rev. Leslie O. Brooks, Rev. Harvey Linsley, Rev. Geo. C. Chappell, Rev. G. C. Sauer.

On Resolutions — Rev. W. C. Martin, Rev. Geo. Braker, Jr., Rev. E. W. Husted, Rev. H. E. Wise, Rev. B. U. Hatfield, Marshall E. Morris.

On Place and Preacher — A. J. Shipley, Rev. J. S. Lyon, Rev. A. W. Hand, Rev. J. R. Stubbart, Rev. D. W. Phelps.

The committee on arrangements for the present session reported the printed program, which was accepted, and followed, with unimportant variations.

The report of the Board of Trustees was read by the Secretary, Rev. P. S. Evans.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Dear Brethren of the Convention:

In submitting to you our annual report, we find cause for devout gratitude that no inroad has been made in the ranks of our number through the past year. It is known that two of our members have recently resigned their pastorates. Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D., goes to occupy a chair in the Richmond Theological Seminary. Rev. J. C. Breaker leaves Southington, but it is still permitted us to hope that he may find another pastorate within the state. All the members of your Board have continued to manifest lively interest in the work of the Convention. The meetings of your Board and of its Executive Committee have, as last year, been quite fully attended.

During the past year, especially during the last half of it, the minds and hearts of all our people have been greatly occupied with the affairs of the nation, and the difficult problems which the Providence of God has thrust upon us. We as Baptists, by tradition, as well as by the precepts of God's word, have been taught that patriotism and true piety go hand in hand. We have contributed our full share towards the volunteer forces that have placed their services at the disposal of the Government. The Vice-President of the Convention, Hon. H. A. Hull, a member of our Board, resigned a lucrative practice in order to accept a captaincy in a Connecticut regiment. He had already done good service in the battle of righteousness against intemperance, and was prepared to give a good account of himself had he been called to the front. The son of your Field Secretary, and the sons of two at least of the ministers of our churches also enlisted. The members of our churches have also done their full share towards the unprecedented efforts that have been made, through private channels, for the temporal and spiritual wants of our soldiers, in the camps and at the front.

If the final report of your finances shall show that there has been a falling off from the collections of last year, it will be sufficiently accounted for by these circumstances. The same conditions have operated to distract our churches from their efforts to evangelize the people of the state. At this writing the returns are incomplete; but it is evident from the returns received from 130 of our churches that there will be a very large reduction in the number of baptisms, from those returned last year. From these 130 churches only 668 baptisms are reported, and the gain in membership is but 63. It is true that several of these churches have been revising their list of members. Three of our associations, all of whose churches have been heard from, the Ashford, New London, and Stonington Union, have lost in membership, to the number of 173. It is evident that there are other

causes at work beyond those referred to. It is the same condition which has been facing us for the last twenty-five years, and is becoming more intense and forceful with each succeeding year—the shifting of population and the immigration of the foreigner. Not only are our country churches affected by these conditions, but the older churches in our larger cities; as evidenced by the change of its field by the First Church of New Haven, and the sale of its property. The problem now is no less than the re-evangelization of Connecticut. Others of the New England states face the same problems. Massachusetts, in addition to the interest from its large endowment, is asking from its churches \$25,000 for the use of its Convention. It is to be hoped that the discussion of these conditions, at your annual gathering, will awaken an enthusiasm that has been unknown before, and one that will not be dissipated at the dispersion of the meeting.

Your Board and its Executive Committee have held the customary meetings during the past year. To report these meetings in detail would cumber the pages of this report. We give the briefest possible summary. The first meeting of the Board was held in Hartford, October 18th. At this meeting the Rev. C. A. Piddock was re-elected Superintendent of Missions, and the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee were appointed, whose names appear in your printed minutes. The other business to come before the Board was referred to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee met, pursuant to call, in Torrington, October 27th. At this meeting it was voted to release the Messiah Church, Bridgeport, from the balance of its debt to the Convention, and charge the amount over to the fund from the proceeds of the sale of the chapel in Putnam. The attendance was unusually small at this meeting, and special committees were appointed to report at a later meeting upon the applications of several of the churches for aid. Appropriations were voted to twenty churches and missions, aggregating \$658.75. The Committee had been appointed to meet in Torrington, in order that the brethren might participate in the dedication of the chapel of the Calvary Church. The Convention had largely contributed to the cost of the chapel, and the title to the property rests in the Convention.

The mid-winter meeting of the Executive Committee was held in New Haven, January 3, '98. Eleven members were present, and a very full discussion was had upon all the appropriations. Aid was voted to twenty-nine churches and missions, aggregating \$897.25. The semi-annual meeting of the Board was held in Bridgeport, April 5, '98, at which nineteen members were present. A variety of measures came before the Board, all of which were carefully considered. Appropriations were voted to twenty-eight churches and missions, aggregating \$934.75. The last meeting of the Executive Committee

was held in Hartford, July 12, '98. Eleven members were present at this meeting. A large amount of business came before the meeting, all of which received due consideration. Aid was voted to thirty churches and missions, to the amount of \$918.25. Any detailed report of the work done by your Board is impossible in this report; the general results are known to you. While no money has been appropriated the past year to the building of new churches, except the \$2,000 raised by mortgage on the Torrington property, which, of course, did not come out of the treasury of the Convention, a larger amount was voted to the aid of churches in the support of their pastors than for many years preceding.

Your Superintendent of Missions has been active and tireless in the prosecution of his labors. He has left nothing undone that diligence and consecration could achieve, and his praise is in all the churches. The nature and extent of his labors you will gather from his annual report, which is herewith laid before you as part of the report of your Board.

P. S. EVANS, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

During another year your Superintendent has wrought, and now makes his annual report. I am conscious that much has been left undone that should be done, but am also happy to record that substantial progress has been made during the year. Several chronic church troubles have, I trust, been healed, and in general I may say that it seems to me the general work of the Convention is in better condition than it was a year ago. In addition to visiting and advising the churches and missions aided by the Convention, I have, as opportunity offered, assisted in evangelistic services and aided pastors in special meetings. I have during the year preached or delivered addresses in the following churches, viz.: Andover, Bloomfield, Bantam, Cornwall Hollow, Canton, Ansonia, Shelton, Naugatuck, Immanuel (Bridgeport), First (Bridgeport), Calvary (New Haven), West Haven, East Cornwall, New Hartford, Winsted, Bristol, Wallingford, Main Street (Meriden), First (Meriden), Cheshire, Southington, Huntington Street (New London), Montville, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Putnam, South Woodstock, Willimantic, Third (Norwich), Central (Norwich), Mystic, Stonington, South (Hartford), Asylum Avenue (Hartford), Olivet (Hartford), First (New Britain), Swede and German churches of New Britain, German Church (Bridgeport), German Church (Waterbury), South Willington, Willington, Torrington, Lake's Pond, East Lyme, Lyme, First (Waterford), Poquonock Bridge, besides making addresses at the various associations. It has been my desire to arouse a deeper interest in the great work of the Convention, and in this respect I feel that some advance has been made. I have met with every encouragement from the pastors and

churches, and feel grateful to them for their prayers and hearty co-operation. At the beginning of the year I found my time somewhat occupied in settling difficulties of long standing that existed in various churches, and I am happy to say that, to a great extent, my efforts in this direction were crowned with a reasonable degree of success.

It has also been a part of my work to look after the collection of money for the support of our missions, though this has occupied comparatively little of my time. The distracting influences of the Spanish war have, to some extent, affected our collections, although the contributions of the churches do not materially differ from those of last year. We have, so far as possible, tried to introduce a system of apportionment, and I believe that this method is by far the best way of reaching the churches, and recommend its more thorough adoption. The report of the Treasurer, which appears on another page, should be studied by all. It will be seen that many of the churches have done exceedingly well, while others need to be roused to a sense of responsibility. I now pass to a consideration of the churches and missions aided by the Convention. The table giving the statistics of our missions is the work of our able and accurate Secretary, and should be carefully studied by those who wish to know what is being done and the results of the money expended.

THE ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.

The following churches are aided by the Convention in this association: South Woodstock, Westford, Andover, Eastford, and Warrentonville, beside the French mission. This is our smallest association, and has a total of 1,897 members. The churches aided will, doubtless, continue to need aid during the coming year, with possibly one exception. I wish to commend especially the work done by brother L. J. Bamberg, pastor at South Woodstock. The other missionary pastors are doing excellent work. All the churches aided are at some distance from the railroad, with the single exception of Andover. The brethren are well aware that there are many discouragements in these fields; nevertheless, it is highly desirable that the work should be continued. The French population, numbering nearly 40,000, is almost entirely within the bounds of the Ashford Association. This work has not made such progress as we could wish, but I am confident that Missionary Tetrault has labored with fidelity, and Mrs. Tetrault has been also an efficient aid. What we shall do for the French population more than we are now doing is a question that should be prayerfully considered by the Board.

STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.

The work at Poquonock Bridge is still carried on by that veteran minister and faithful soldier of Christ, Rev. N. T. Allen. Pastor

Justus Aldrich still continues his ministry at the old church on Sterling Hill. These two churches will need the aid of the Convention during the coming year, and they are, in all respects, worthy of this aid. The old church at Pendleton Hill, which was so long aided by the Convention, has just settled a pastor, Rev. Mr. Dinsmore. There is a territory nearly ten miles square about this church unoccupied by any other denomination.

NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.

At the beginning of the year the church at Old Lyme occupied a considerable part of the attention of your Superintendent, as serious troubles arose, occasioned by the practices of so-called "Holiness People." These practices were of such a character as to bring quite a number of persons into the courts, and thereby the cause of Christ was much injured in the community. Your Superintendent at once went to Lyme and endeavored to rescue our cause from the results of these evils, and I am happy to state that nearly all of those identified with this unfortunate movement are now working in harmony with the church. Rev. J. R. Very was called to the pastorate early in the year, and his ministry is well spoken of. The church at Lake's Pond has enjoyed the ministry of brother Earl Darrow during the year, but he has resigned for the purpose of entering upon a course of study, and it is hoped that another pastor will soon be secured. The church at Scott Hill also applied for aid, early in the year. This church is in a community several miles from any other religious service. Your Superintendent has also taken an active interest in the affairs of the Third Church, Norwich. At the beginning of the year this church was much divided, and the outlook was dark; but in February the church called Rev. G. C. Sauer of White Hills to the pastorate, and his coming has proved a great blessing to all. The church edifice has been repaired, and all departments of Christian effort have made advance. I have also preached at East Lyme, and assisted in settling some troubles there, not with the success that I could wish. I would be glad to report that all the questions connected with the Lyon Fund, which was left to the Salem and Scott Hill churches, have been settled. As stated in my report last year, the money left by the late Rev. D. D. Lyon, amounting to \$500 for each of the above-named churches, on condition that an equal sum be raised by the said churches within one year, was deposited with the Treasurer of the Convention. A portion of the money necessary to be raised was contributed by the churches of the Association, with the understanding and agreement that the Convention should be the trustee of the fund. The Committee of the Association had, however, failed to secure a copy of the will of brother Lyon, which provides that the churches shall choose trustees. I trust that this matter will be adjusted in a manner satisfactory to all, and I recom-

mend that the money be returned to the churches as soon as it can be legally done. The fund has remained in the Norwich Savings Bank pending a settlement. Brother Marshall has done excellent work at Moodus, better known as the East Haddam Church.

NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.

A large portion of the foreign work is done within the bounds of this association. Germans, Swedes, and Italians alike share the benevolence of the Convention. The results in these missions have been unusually satisfactory. Brother C. A. Schlipf is doing an excellent work in Waterbury and Seymour for the Germans. Brother Clafford has wrought well for the Swedes of Meriden, and has just resigned to go to Bridgeport. Brother Johanson has labored with fidelity during the year for the Swedes of New Britain. Brother De Carlo has continued with unabated zeal the Italian work in New Haven, and since May has been assisted by Brother Cerreta. A reference to the statistical table will show that quite a number of Italians have been baptized. Your Board has also aided the Howard Avenue Church of New Haven. This church has passed through some trying experiences, and the outlook, at present, is not so bright as could be desired, but the pastor, Rev. D. H. Stoddard, who has been with them during the entire year, has been a faithful leader to his flock, and it is hoped that by perseverance and patience a great victory for the truth may be gained in this church. We have also aided the mission at Naugatuck, where Rev. T. C. Hanna has preached during the year. One of the most encouraging features of our work has been the revival of the church in Cheshire. Your Superintendent visited this field in the late autumn, and in April Rev. R. A. Nichols of Waterbury was called to the pastorate. His work has been highly successful, and fourteen new members have been added to the little flock. They will continue to need our aid for the present. Brother Vidberg, our faithful Swedish missionary in Waterbury, has also conducted services in Bristol, where he has gathered quite a company of his people. His work has been very satisfactory. The church at Haddam has been aided a portion of the year.

HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.

The next week after the meeting of the Convention last year, the new chapel in Torrington was dedicated. This chapel, with lot and furnishings, cost about \$9,800. Of this sum all is paid except a mortgage of \$2,000. The church continues to enjoy the able ministry of Rev. P. S. Evans. Nearly one-half of the cost of this church has been contributed by the Convention, as the Treasurer's reports will indicate. While the church in Winsted has not been directly aided by the Convention, our relations to it have been of such a character

as to call for the assistance and advice of your Superintendent. In April, Rev. F. H. Gates of Saugerties, N. Y., was called to the pastorate, and he accepted, beginning his labors May 1st. Under his ministry the work of the church is moving forward with a good degree of harmony, and the outlook is quite hopeful. October 18, 1897, while the Convention was in session, Brother M. N. Griswold, who was, under God, the founder of this church, died at his home in Winsted, in his seventy-fifth year. Brother Griswold loved the church, and desired its highest good. He left all his property, amounting to nearly \$25,000, to the Convention in trust for the church, after the widow has had the use of the same during her life. Mrs. Griswold has the sympathy of all in her bereavement.

The North and South Colebrook churches have been well served during the year by Rev. J. C. Gavin, who has just resigned. This field will need a patient and self-sacrificing worker. The churches in Bantam, East Cornwall, and Cornwall Hollow were served during the first half of the year by brother Cornelius Malley, who resigned in March. In June, brother C. L. Owens, a student of Colgate University, began his labors in these places, the results thus far being very hopeful. Rev. C. N. Nichols still continues to preach at New Hartford. This church has been aided by the Convention during a portion of the year. I trust the time will come when work in this field may be carried on in connection with Canton, where there is great need of services in our church. I have in my quarterly reports to the Board emphasized the importance of a forward movement here. The work done by our Swedish brother, Rev. Nils Ek of Hartford, for his people in trying to provide for them a house of worship has made satisfactory progress. Brother Ek has raised over \$2,000 and paid for a desirable lot on which to build a church, and has secured pledges for nearly \$2,000 more with which to erect a chapel. This people is worthy of our aid and encouragement. The South Church of Hartford has for some years provided quarters for their Swedish brethren, and have, in all respects, given them a generous hospitality, but, in order to carry on their work successfully, the Swedes need a house of worship of their own. The Swedish church in New Britain has a heavy debt, but the people are courageous, and, under the leadership of Pastor Johanson, are determined to succeed. Brother A. J. Sloper of that city has given them substantial assistance and advice. The Rockville church, which has been aided since its formation by the Convention, feels that it is now able to support itself. The brethren in Rockville thank the Board for the help given, and hope, by God's grace, now to be able to bear their own financial burdens. Under the leadership of Pastor Wedge, whose faithful labors for over three years have endeared him not only to the church but to the entire community, the future is bright with hope.

The old church in Wethersfield has also been aided during a portion of the year by the Convention. This church has suffered much by death and removals. Rev. W. P. Elsdon is the pastor, and I need not say that he is loved and honored by all. We are also assisting the church at West Hartford, though for only a small portion of the year. Brother W. J. Noble, from Newton Theological Seminary, has been preaching here since June, and has succeeded in rousing a new interest among the people. I am sorry to record that Rev. W. H. Johnson, who has done such an excellent work at Tariffville, has resigned and accepted a call to a church in the West. This field will need a shepherd as soon as one can be secured.

FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.

The church in New Canaan has been aided by the Convention during the year. This field has some elements of discouragement, but brother J. B. Rittgers, who has served them for the past two years, is still laboring with fidelity. The church is unable to raise sufficient money to support a pastor all the time, as it has suffered by the removal of some of its best members. On account of the aid furnished by the Convention to the Messiah Church of Bridgeport toward paying their debt, other aid has not been necessary. Pastor Morton has wrought with the same faithfulness as in former years. The Immanuel Church of Bridgeport is now self-supporting and making a record for itself in that city. In December, brother Leslie O. Brooks was called to the pastorate, and during his ministry, thus far, thirty-four have been added to the church by baptism. At no time has the outlook for this people seemed so hopeful as now, and it is to be hoped that these prospects are not delusive. The church is not only paying its own expenses, but a considerable portion of a debt of \$1,000 has been pledged. The German Church in Bridgeport has secured as its pastor Brother Dietz of Oakland, California. Brother Dietz has been a successful worker among the Germans, and he will need, and deserve, our hearty sympathy and aid in this field.

In conclusion, your Superintendent desires to thank the pastors and brethren of the churches for their active co-operation and support during the year. I have been aided much by the counsel of the President of the Convention, with whom I have had frequent consultations, and whose interest in the work has been both deep and practical. The Secretary of the Board and other members of the Executive Committee have also been kind and helpful in their counsels and aid. The question now arises, What steps in advance can be taken? It seems to me that all our churches and young people's societies should be inspired with a personal responsibility for the success of this great work. While much has been accomplished, much more remains to be done; and I feel personally a sense of abasement when I consider the magnitude of the work, and how

little I have been personally able to accomplish. It is not enough that we feel thankful for what has been achieved in the past, but we must plan generously for the future. The weak churches, the growing towns, and the thousands of foreigners already in our midst furnish ample scope for faithful labor. I cannot fail to express my regret at the resignations of some of our best laborers and advisers. Brethren Poteat, Breaker, Sherwood, Genung, and Robbins have been among the leaders of our cause in the state, and their proposed departure is to me a personal loss. May the blessing of God attend them wherever they shall labor, and may their places be worthily filled.

C. A. PIDDOCK.

NOTE:— It will be noticed from the examination of the Treasurer's report, that we have spent over \$1,200 more this year than last, or \$3,929 have been paid to churches and missions. This is a larger sum than ever before in the history of the Convention, and it will be impossible to maintain this expenditure another year. The Superintendent of Missions is opposed to the contraction of a debt, and he believes that his views are shared by all the officers of the Convention. There must be a great reduction in the expenses of the coming year, or larger gifts. This will depend upon the churches and pastors to decide which it shall be.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE.

Since the meeting of the Convention the Secretary has carefully prepared a table to ascertain the amounts paid out of its Treasury for state missions during the seventy-five years of its history. He gives here only the summary of this table. It includes the direct appropriations to the churches for the support of the stated ministry; also the amounts donated or loaned for church building or repairing; also the expense for evangelistic labor, and all that is justly chargeable to account of state missions. He includes also the income from funds of which the Convention is trustee. He does not claim absolute accuracy, as it is often difficult to separate the treasurer's reports.

The money expended for state missions foots up to \$226,739.22 for 75 years, an average of \$3,156 a year. The largest amount was in the year 1889, when, including the money reported by Pastor Ritzmann, \$10,933.96 was spent. This amount mentioned above is less than the total amount raised by the churches in one year for all purposes.

The membership of the churches has risen from 8,296 in 1832 to 25,191 in 1898. The baptisms for the 62 years reported aggregate 43,492. It is safe to estimate those for the 13 years unreported at 6,500, making a total of 49,992 baptisms. Within this period of 75 years 32 churches have ceased to exist, and 90 churches have been organized.

P. S. EVANS. *Secretary.*

SUMMARY OF REPORTS FROM CHURCHES AND MISSIONS AIDED.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Months of Service.	Baptized.	Added by Letter.	Number of Members.	Sermons Preached.	Pastoral Visits.	For Home Expenses.	For Benevolence.	Paid by Convention.	From Other Sources.
New Haven, Swede,.....	F. J. Liljgren,.....	10	..	5	50	120	925	\$883.00	\$93.75	\$154.16	\$300.00
Meriden, ".....	T. Clafford,.....	11	..	5	143	143	250	804.97	37.50	37.50	300.00
Hartford, ".....	Nils Ek,.....	12	..	5	84	189	160	*827.89	57.68	57.68	300.00
New Britain, ".....	Wm. Johnson,.....	12	24	10	68	189	491	†1,277.35	†158.10	162.50	300.00
Waterbury, ".....	John V. Vidberg,.....	12	3	7	34	155	333	538.67	60.12	150.00	100.00
New Britain, German,.....	C. A. Schlupf,.....	12	3	4	43	117	1,073	649.67	66.31	100.00	150.00
New Britain, ".....	J. B. Ritters,.....	9	..	..	54	74	63	414.84	5.28	120.00	..
New Haven, Howard Ave.,.....	J. W. Stoddard,.....	1	20	..	180	58	360	740.00	32.00	250.00	..
Quebec, ".....	R. C. Nichols,.....	6	4	10	18	26	100	133.00	2.00	75.00	..
Norwich, ".....	T. C. Hilditch,.....	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wethersfield, ".....	W. P. Elston,.....	6	..	..	50	52	300	475.00	10.00	40.00	146.00
West Hartford, ".....	W. J. Noble,.....	6	..	..	31	52	120	345.00	3.00	40.00	..
New Hartford, ".....	C. N. Nichols,.....	9	..	..	49	54	117	251.00	2.00	60.00	..
Tariffville, ".....	W. H. Johnson,.....	12	5	5	72	104	350	425.00	47.75	160.00	..
Torrington, ".....	P. S. Evans,.....	12	8	12	78	100	250	12,467.13	164.71	300.00	..
Banana, ".....	C. Malley and Charles Owens,.....	9	..	..	54	49	59	250.25	3.00	37.50	..
Cornwall, East,.....	C. Malley and Charles Owens,.....	9	..	..	44	37	29	112.50	9.00	37.50	..
Cornwall, West,.....	C. Malley and Charles Owens,.....	9	..	..	9	33	21	75.00	12.00	37.50	..
Colebrook, North,.....	J. C. Gavin,.....	9	..	..	11	58	143	71.75	42.10	30.00	..
Colebrook, South,.....	J. C. Gavin,.....	9	..	..	11	58	143	71.75	42.10	30.00	..
Rockville, ".....	A. P. Wells,.....	12	12	..	52	54	98	90.75	7.38	80.00	..
Andover, ".....	F. J. Connel,.....	12	1	..	104	200	110.10	110.10	..	200.00	..
Warrenville, ".....	G. C. Chappell,.....	6	2	..	72	100	400	400.00	60.00	60.00	35.00
Westford, ".....	T. P. Briggs,.....	12	1	..	72	92	110	321.66	52.65	57.50	..
Eastford, ".....	G. C. Chappell,.....	12	1	..	40	41	39	121.66	41.50	65.00	..
South Woodstock,.....	T. P. Briggs,.....	12	2	..	62	44	136	441.11	78.30	65.00	..
Sterling Hill,.....	Louis Bamburg,.....	12	2	6	67	80	200	515.00	40.00	75.00	..
Haddam, ".....	Justus Aldrich,.....	12	2	..	80	65	141	308.43	22.61	100.00	..
Lebanon, ".....	W. A. Bronson,.....	6	..	2	38	36	50	180.00	21.50	30.00	90.00
Lebanon, ".....	Jabez Marshall,.....	12	..	3	50	116	203	505.00	36.00	60.00	..
Scout Hill, ".....	B. W. Morrow,.....	12	6	..	75	76	32	131.18	8.00	100.00	..
Lebanon, ".....	R. F. Maye,.....	12	..	..	66	47	89	147.81	8.00	60.00	40.00
Poquonock, ".....	N. T. Allen,.....	12	..	..	82	138	137	185.00	20.00	60.00	..
Old Lyme, ".....	J. B. Very,.....	12	..	..	131	80	100	215.00	8.00	40.00	48.00
French Mission,.....	T. Terrault,.....	12	5	..	56	120	1,024	150.00	..	200.00	300.00
Italian Mission,.....	Pasquale DuCarlo,.....	12	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	300.00	..
Italian Mission,.....	C. Creta,.....	6	..	..	..	110	950	..	..	210.00	..
Years of service,.....	126	20%	79	1,608	2,509	8,914	\$4,090.21	\$1,055.47	\$4,183.66	\$2,099.00	..

* \$271.35 on lot. + \$800 on debt. + Included payment on debt. \$ Reported only for last quarter. | \$1.62 on chapel.

Voted, That the report be laid upon the table for further discussion.

Rev. A. C. Wheaton, as chairman of the committee on nominations, presented the following names for officers for the ensuing year:

For President: W. A. Grippin, Bridgeport.

" Vice-President: Hadlai A. Hull, Stonington.

" Secretary: Rev. P. S. Evans, Torrington.

" Treasurer: W. F. Walker, New Britain.

" Auditor: A. Spencer, Hartford.

Voted, That the chairman of the committee be instructed to deposit the ballot for the above list of officers. Upon his doing so they were declared elected.

Rev. J. H. Grant, pastor of the neighboring Congregationalist Church, was introduced and presented the following resolution:

"The ministers and delegates of the Central Conference of Congregationalist Churches assembled in semi-annual meeting with the Central Congregational Church, Meriden, give greeting to their Brethren of the Baptist Churches of the state gathered in annual convention with the neighboring Baptist Church. This they do in token of the cordial fellowship of these two Christian churches on the hill, and to express the hope that in those largest relations looking toward the coming of the Master's kingdom, these two great bodies of Christians represented here to-day may be found side by side in their labor, their work, and their devotion."

By vote of the Convention, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., was requested to respond to this greeting. He said:

"This is an instance where you have got ahead of us. I was preparing a resolution to convey the respects and fraternal relations when this committee appeared at the door. This is the first instance I remember when the Congregationalists ever got ahead of the Baptists. It is a very pleasant service to return this friendly greeting. I remember that when this Convention was assembled in Hartford last year my neighbor, Rev. Dr. Twichell, opened his ample church and lecture-room, and the Baptists of Connecticut were fed there on that occasion. We could hardly distinguish at the table the Baptist from the Congregationalist. It is a great pleas-

ure to extend to you our warm and fraternal regards. I have only to add this precious word: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess., 5: 23.

Voted, That Rev. G. M. Stone be requested to write out his response and carry it personally to the Congregational Assembly.

Mr. Wm. F. Walker, the treasurer; presented a summary of his report.

Voted, That the Treasurer's Report be accepted, approved, and printed in the minutes.

After singing "Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove," Rev. E. W. Husted read Phil. 3, and offered prayer, and Rev. E. M. Poteat, D.D., preached the annual sermon, from Phil. 3: 10. The theme was "Aspiration to Know Christ." The preacher held the closest attention of the Convention. It added much to the interest of the occasion that the preacher, after ten years of successful labor in Connecticut, had accepted a call to Philadelphia.

"There are distinct stages in the growth of the apprehension of Christ. Paul was already far advanced in his experience, yet he speaks as if he were just taking the first steps. Think of what Paul already knew. He had seen Christ himself near Damascus, but he was not satisfied. Though he had known Christ in the flesh, yet now he was absorbed in the contemplation of the essential being of Christ. Though he had been taken up to the third heaven, yet he was aspiring to a fuller knowledge. He had seen Christ as the creator of the world, and the bond uniting the universe, yet he believed that, however much he may have gained, there were yet higher heights and deeper depths he was anxious to fathom.

"Paul suggests the method of attaining this aspiration. The absolute renunciation of all knowledge, wisdom, attainments, already gained; and a fellowship with Christ in his suffering. It was only as Paul was crucified with Christ that he could gain this fellowship. It was when Abraham was willing to offer up his son that he was enabled to see the day of Christ. It is only as we enter into the sufferings of others that we can know them.

"Agnosticism is here rebuked, which says we cannot know God. I stand by Paul and say we may know Him. Perfectionism is here

rebuked, because it claims to have arrived at the complete knowledge of God. They must have a small world who think they have explored it all. We are called to aspire to an ever fuller and deeper knowledge of Christ. By and by we shall see Him as He is, and know as we are known."

Upon motion of Rev. C. A. Piddock, it was voted that a committee of five be appointed by the chair as a Historical Committee.

An offering was taken amounting to \$30.01.

After benediction by Rev. C. C. Luther, the Convention adjourned until 2.30 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention was reassembled at 2.30 P. M. President Grippin was in the chair.

Rev. N. T. Allen led in prayer.

The report of the Board was taken from the table and discussed.

Rev. Charles A. Schlipf spoke of the German work:

"I have labored over a year at Waterbury; four have been added to the church, and \$400 paid towards the debt of the church. I have also worked at Seymour until lately, but now services morning and evening at Waterbury make it impossible to go to Seymour Sundays. Last July I went to Litchfield and visited the Germans there, and have been there every Friday since, and have been at Torrington Thursdays, and at each place five or six have been converted."

Rev. T. Clafford reported the work among the Swedes:

"Since last year I have left the work at Meriden, and entered into the work at Bridgeport. One difficulty of our work is the moving away of many of our best workers. We have a good worker at Waterbury; he is lifting up the standard. Brother Ek is doing an excellent work at Hartford; he has raised about \$2,000. Brother Jolanson has worked faithfully at New Britain; and Brother Liljgren has even converted a Jewish Synagogue into a Christian sanctuary. I wish to publicly express my gratitude to Mr. Edward Miller, Sen., for his constant help in our work."

Rev. P. De Carlo represented the Italian work:

"The work is very hopeful, though there are many difficulties. Two years ago two young men were converted, and went to Italy a year ago; already they are reporting the conversion not only of some of their own near relatives, but also several who had not heard the gospel before. In New Haven there are many serious difficulties, but 12 have been baptized, and five in Stamford, and one young man is now studying in Springfield for the ministry. In August I went to Torrington, where I had the privilege of preaching to sixty-five Italians in Pastor Evans' church, and they received New Testament with eagerness."

C. Cerrata told of the interest awakened in a Catholic family by his visit and leading them to read the New Testament.

Rev. L. J. Bamberg spoke of the country churches, or, as he preferred to call them, churches in the country:

"These are of very great importance — they deal with the conscience and life of the nation itself; the boys and girls of our churches in the country make the men and women of the city churches. Many of these little churches receive year by year more members in comparison to their numbers than any city church. Often there is just as great intelligence in these churches as in any large church. That church is weak that is lacking the spirit of God; but if the spirit of God is present in abundance it is a strong church regardless of numbers."

E. B. Boynton spoke of the danger of narrowness in the Young People's movement, and the supreme need of a higher type of Christian manhood and womanhood.

Voted, That the report of the Board of Trustees be adopted and printed in the minutes.

Gen. T. J. Morgan, LL.D., spoke of "The Foreigner in the United States":

"In a certain sense we are all foreigners, but we refer especially to the people who have come to our shores and use still the foreign language.

"We owe much to these who have come to us. Much of our boasted civilization owes its origin to the foreigners, — our love of liberty, our love for the Bible, and for schools; also some of our best workers come from the foreigners. There are probably very few

Baptist churches in the country that have not received members from the Roman Catholic church. One-fourth of the membership of one of the Chicago Associations is composed of the foreign people.

"The perpetuity of our American institutions depends upon the attitude of Christians towards the foreigner. We cannot ignore them, but must Christianize them or they will heathenize us. God is calling us to give the blessings of Christianity not only to the people coming into the United States, but also to the people of the lands over which our flag has recently been raised."

Rev. Wm. D. McKinney, as chairman of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees, presented the report. The report was referred back to the committee for amendment, and Rev. P. S. Evans was added to the committee, to take the place of an absent member. The committee once more presented the report.

Voted, That the chairman be instructed to cast the ballot for the trustees for the three years, and to fill vacancies. He cast the ballot and they were declared elected.

The report of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. G. W. Nicholson.

Mr. Moderator and Brethren of the Convention:

Your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions would respectfully submit the following as their report:

We recognize in our appointment that the mission work in the churches is regarded as essentially one, whether State, Home, or Foreign; that the aim is to carry the good news of salvation to the perishing, whether in Connecticut or in India; we feel grateful to God for the large measure of prosperity which has uniformly attended our societies in their chosen and varied fields. Truly, God has been with them. We believe they were born of God, and are doing valuable service extending the boundaries of His kingdom, each in its own way, and in accord with its own measure of obedience to the great commission. God bless them, they are children of the church, lively and lovely, to whose faithfulness and activity under the spirit, she is indebted for marked victories at home and abroad.

While we esteem it the duty of the disciple as such, to preach, to teach, and to give for the gospel, because of what it has done for him, we, nevertheless, believe that greater good can be done, and grander conquests secured by the systematized and organized method than otherwise. These societies become as mediators be-

tween the individuals, the churches, and the beneficiaries. We should regard them as organisms designed by the great head of the church to be used for the more rapid evangelizing of the world.

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." These words have special significance, and greater force to-day than ever before in our history as a nation, and as churches of Jesus Christ. There has never been a time when it was not necessary to put forth active, earnest effort in behalf of the unsaved and the spiritually ignorant and destitute. There have always been fields needing cultivation. Sometimes, however, the need is more apparent and greater than at others, and the present is unquestionably one of those seasons. We find ourselves as a nation at the close of a short, sharp, bitter contest, with whose stirring incidents and vast moral issues we are vitally identified in interest and sympathy. We have already passed through one stage and are passing through another which bids fair to result in a mighty revolution in many phases of our national and moral life. Think of the vast and momentous changes produced by the successes of our ships and guns, on water and land, and as the result of these successes the emancipation of the many thousands who had been in bondage to Sin, Satan, Spain, and Rome. The shackles have fallen, the slave is lifting up his head and the shouts of freedom are heard all over our land. It becomes the imperative duty of the government to lay broad and deep the foundations of personal, civil, political, and religious liberty in those islands, in order that they may become allied to us intelligently, upon those principles for which we have ever existed. How can it be done other than through the churches and their missions? especially of our churches because of their activity and province in ever promulgating the true and fundamental laws of our being, maintaining the equality of all before God, the separation of church and state, and an open Bible for all the children of Adam, however young or ignorant or sinful, God's book for the needy. It is our duty inspired by faith in God and love for Jesus Christ and those of our fellow men who are in distress, suffering by persecution and otherwise, to seek by every laudable means to breathe into the reconstructing body the breath of the Son of God—spiritual life—loyalty to the truth and devotion to the liberty-loving principles of our holy religion.

Freedom assuredly has had a new consecration, a new baptism of blood and fire. Anew can it be said that the oppressed of every land and tribe and name may find welcome within our borders, refuge and safety under our stars and bars; and it is becoming more and more apparent that God means that America is to be the place where he will signally display his grace to the world, where all the elements of the world's civilization will be mingled and fused to the glory of our common manhood, and of His grace; for nothing

but the gospel of the grace of God will ever give unity, and shape and leaven to the lump.

Your committee would repeat and emphasize the call that comes for the new territory, the Old Fields at home and abroad, the societies of other names, to come to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty; that there be renewed consecration in gifts and prayers, and sympathy in the work of spreading the knowledge of the truth. Not merely the consecration which is the product of the devotional hour, when the religious impulses are all awake and worldly influences are out of sight; rather such a consecration as will have a bearing on life's activities in doing and giving, such as will enable us to cease all strife between self and pocket-book, willingly yielding to God what is His rightful due, and esteem it a great privilege to co-operate with Him in lifting and saving the peoples of the earth. Never was there more need of such a consecration. Think of the vast number of pagans, that "forty millions die every year, one hundred thousand every day, every tick of the watch sounds the death knell of a heathen soul, every breath we draw four souls perish never having heard of Christ." How urgent the need of the outlay of all our powers.

Another reason for renewed consecration. Never were our missions at home and abroad more promising and prosperous, and this is saying much. When you read, for instance, that since the organization of the Missionary Union in 1814, there has been an average of one baptism for every two hours, counting day and night; and a new Baptist church formed every two weeks; that we have now on the foreign field 1,820 churches, 2,722 preachers, 201,867 members, 13,197 baptisms last year, \$390,749 contributed last year.

This simple statement is sufficient to inspire us with a greater determination to do our all to consummate the work put into our hands, and so hasten the coming of our Lord in triumph and glory to claim His own.

Again, there have never been heard louder calls for help than to-day. They are world-wide. The rapid strides in Japan, the upheavals in China, the march of the King in the isles of the sea, at home, north, west, and southwest, south and east, including our own state. The Italian, Swede, German, and the French, so many thousands extending their hands and crying for the gospel of the Son of God.

How thankful that so many are hearing these pleas and are offering themselves to the different boards for service. Hundreds are ready and waiting. The student and volunteer movement which Rev. Dr. McCosh characterized as the most significant missionary uprising since Pentecost, has brought to the attention of our churches thousands of young men and young women, a magnificent company, stalwart, enthusiastic, spiritual, devoted, saying "Send

us either to the pagan abroad or the heathen at home," willing to renounce the offers and attractions or secular trades and professions. These waiting, willing thousands constitute one of the most solemn obligations, one of the greatest reasons why every disciple should say from the heart, "Here, Lord." Do we realize the proportion of this movement and what it means?

At their great meeting last February at Cleveland, Ohio, the secretary, in his report, said, "The field of this movement lies in four hundred universities and colleges of the United States and Canada, one hundred theological seminaries, nearly two hundred medical schools, and over three hundred normal and professional institutions. There are about four thousand volunteers enrolled. Prior to January first, 1897, one thousand, one hundred and seventy-three had actually sailed for the mission fields. They have gone out under forty-six missionary societies and to fifty countries in all parts of the world. Last year the colleges and seminaries gave not less than forty thousand dollars, and over one hundred institutions are supporting in whole or in part their own missionaries, with the motto, "The evangelization of the world in this generation."

We are getting nearer the goal in working and giving; systematizing and simplifying methods, directness in labor and soliciting, pastor and people. Though we have been restrained by obstacles, and have wrought under great and varied discouragements, God has marvelously blessed and prospered us, for which we devoutly praise His name.

Your committee heartily approve the position assumed by the finance committee at Rochester in relation to industrial training on the foreign field, that great care should be used because of the possible difficulties inseparable from such a departure, the distance from home, the costliness of the enterprise, the possible development of yet another type in society. Also we deprecate the seeming demand for retrenchment; let us rather emphasize the necessity of increased giving along all lines.

Your committee express themselves as gratified to see that the Executive Committee of the Union have taken advanced ground in reference to the care of the churches after having been formed; that they are recognizing more the true spirit of the disciple, that he go and proclaim the message of his Lord, that he thrust in the sickle, that he gather in a harvest and garner the sheaves, that he call others to receive Christ and His religion, and so demonstrate their reception of and love to Him by labor and sacrifice in maintaining themselves at home and sending the missionary to the regions beyond. We believe that every church should become self-supporting as soon as possible, and a missionary center for evangelizing the world.

Your committee would respectfully recommend that there be

more efficient and systematic labor among our churches; that there be a committee appointed, one from each association, whose duty it shall be to correspond with each church in the state who are not on the list of contributors to our missionary enterprises, earnestly soliciting them to do and give of their abundance during the coming year for State, Home, and Foreign work.

Brethren, shall we not hear the voice, and be found among those in the front ranks in praying, giving, serving for our Lord?

Your committee would append the following table, which represents the aggregate of the contributions for home and foreign missions in the state by the associations during the last two years:

	1898.	1897.	Gain.	Loss.	Net Gain.
Ashford,	\$2,159.47	\$1,436.78	\$722.69	.....	.....
Fairfield,	1,999.36	2,687.07	.....	\$687.71	.....
Hartford,	4,727.80	3,516.17	1,211.63	.....	.....
New Haven,	7,211.29	8,650.44	.....	1,439.15	.....
New London,	6,088.03	1,701.32	4,386.71	.....	.....
Stonington,	1,718.35	1,499.26	219.09	.....	.....
Total,	\$23,904.30	\$19,491.04	\$6,540.12	\$2,126.86	\$4,413.26

We are rejoiced to find by this table that notwithstanding two of our associations have given less this year than last, that the aggregate is in excess of the year preceding. May the good work go on.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. NICHOLSON,
W. C. MARTIN,
ADDISON MOORE,
CHARLES H. BROWN.

October, 1898.

After discussion by brethren McKeever, Evans, Stubbart, and Hyde, the report was accepted and ordered printed in the minutes.

An offering was received for the work of the Convention, amounting to \$8.62.

After singing "Work, for the Night is Coming," Rev. Wm. D. McKinney pronounced the benediction and the Convention was adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

President Grippin called the Convention to order at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. E. Dewhurst led in prayer.

Rev. C. A. Piddock called attention to the names of those who had been prominent in the work of the Convention in the past.

Rev. P. S. Evans spoke of the work done by the church at Torrington in reaching the Italians, Germans, Swedes, Chinese, and Syrians in that place.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., spoke of "The Blessedness of Giving":

"Before we can give we must acquire; it is, therefore, a sacred duty to acquire; the business men who are struggling in the busy marts may be just as truly saints of God as any. The blessedness of giving is found in the bestowal of an assurance of faith. People are seeking evidence; here is an ample opportunity. Very often a revival begins with generous giving. The richest blessing that comes with giving comes in the sacred fellowship into which we are admitted by our gifts. God is the greatest giver. Jesus Christ is not a pauper. Every dollar given for the conversion of the foreigner is doing something in the form of the highest citizenship. The cross of Christ and the flag of the United States, let them be married at the Christian altar."

An offering was taken amounting to \$32.10.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Convention reassembled at 9 A. M. President Grippin in the chair.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was presented by the chairman, Rev. J. C. Hyde.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee would report that none of those in the active ministry of the state, nor any of the laymen officially connected with the work of the Convention, have died within the year. We may say, "Through the mercy of our God we continue unto this day."

We have to note the death of one retired minister, Rev. Amos D. Watrous of Deep River, who at the advanced age of 94, has passed from the scenes of his earthly labors. In his early manhood he was a man of great force of character, and a very successful evangelist. He is said to have been the means of the conversion of over 5,000 persons, and to have baptized over 1,000 with his own hands. Always eccentric, during the last 20 years his mind was greatly unbalanced. He has now passed beyond the reach of sickness and entered on his reward.

We also call attention to the death of Rev. James L. Hodge, D.D., a native of our state. He died in Brooklyn, N. Y., at the ripe age of 84.

We cannot, in this report, do full justice to the memory of this eminent servant of God. His ministry was principally spent in Brooklyn and Albany, N. Y., and Newark, N. J. He served the church in Bridgeport for several years very acceptably. He was a man greatly beloved by all who knew him, and "a good servant of Jesus Christ." At the farewell service held to his memory in Brooklyn, most tender and appreciative words were said of him by prominent pastors of our own and of other denominations, which we would gladly repeat did time permit.

The returns of the churches to the associations show that during the year 358 of our members have been promoted to the church in Heaven. Very many of these have been mentioned in the letters from the churches in terms of great esteem and affection. Many of them were ripe and full of years, brethren and sisters who labored in the establishment of the churches, spending themselves and their substance for the kingdom. Quite a number of the deacons of the churches have been called to the higher service. We can single out only a few, and these not because they were more worthy, but because they were more widely known. We remember what the Master said, "The first shall be last, and the last first," and "the least" are not infrequently "the greatest."

The Ashford Association reports 48 deaths. Five of these had been office-bearers in the churches, Jacob Walls, Royal Chapman, Daniel Leonard, Valentine Ballard, and Joseph Dean. One, Daniel Bartlett, had been for many years a faithful Sunday-school superintendent.

The Fairfield Association reports 36 deaths. Among these was Bennet Whitney, who served as the first deacon of the first church in Bridgeport, and died aged 88.

The Hartford Association reports 75 deaths, many of whom had been very prominent in the work of the churches, and whose places it would seem hard to fill. The Second Suffield has lost I. Luther Spencer, who had been a liberal financial supporter, and whose widow is very active in the work of our Woman's Home Mission Society.

The New London Association reports 66 deaths. Among these are Deacon Crocker of First New London, and Deacon T. W. Potter of Huntington street. Norwich Central has lost a larger number by death than in any previous year of her history.

From Stonington Union comes the report of 61 deaths. Mrs. Anna B. Payne, the wife of our brother, Rev. J. W. Payne, the pastor of the Jewett City Church, died within the year past. She was a woman of sterling character, an indefatigable worker in the church, as well as a beloved wife and a faithful mother. We extend our warmest sympathy to the bereaved husband and the motherless children. We also note the death, in Mystic, of Mrs. Geo. E. Horr, wife of the Rev. Geo. E. Horr of New Jersey, and mother of the editor of the *Watchman*.

Within the bounds of the New Haven Association 72 deaths have occurred. Calvary Baptist Church has lost five of its constituent members, some of whom had given largely of their wealth to the up-building of the church, Mrs. S. Davis, Mrs. A. E. Winchester, Deacon Elihu Larkins, Mr. Booth, and Mr. J. E. Baldwin. The Deep River Church reports the death of Julian P. Post, who, it is thought, was present at every meeting of the State Convention from very near its commencement. The death of Deacon Anson A. Brooks is reported from the Essex Baptist Church.

There are many other names equally deserving mention. Their record is on high. "These all died in faith," and have "received the promise."

Respectfully submitted,

J. CHESTER HYDE,
G. C. CHAPPELL,
R. O. SHERWOOD,
E. DEWHURST,
G. H. GARDNER,
E. W. HUSTED,
L. B. CURTIS.

Voted, That the report be accepted and printed in the minutes.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented by the chairman, Rev. F. G. McKeever.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the minutes. [At a subsequent meeting this motion was rescinded a portion of the report was cut out, and, thus amended, was again ordered to be printed. The author of the report afterwards withdrew it, and it is not printed in the minutes. — P. S. Evans, Secy.]

The Convention adjourned until 3 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention was called to order at 3 P. M. President W. P. Grippin in the chair.

After singing "Rock of Ages," Rev. F. D. Luddington led in prayer.

Rev. Geo. H. Gardner, as chairman on Bible Schools, presented the report.

REPORT OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

When your committee was appointed one year ago it inherited a legacy handed to it from your previous committee; they having received the same from the committee of the year 1895, in the shape of a recommendation, as follows:

"Your committee would suggest that the Sunday-school Committee of this Convention be empowered to enlarge itself after conference with the associational officers, by the appointment of three carefully chosen men from each association, whose duty it shall be to organize new schools wherever there may be opportunity, to encourage weak schools by their occasional presence and counsel, if the officers of such schools welcome or approve, to furnish such inspiration in any line of Sunday-school work as may be in accord with the plan of the central committee."

Your committee would report that so far as possible it has endeavored to carry out the inherited instructions, but received little or no response to its efforts on the part of associational committees, owing not to a lack of interest, but partly to the changes constantly taking place in the personnel of the Bible School Committees from year to year.

Upon examination of the statistics we find very little change in the total number enrolled, or in the amount of benevolence, from the last year. Therefore, we will not repeat the usual loss and gain of the different associations. Two new schools are reported, but there are fewer baptisms reported this year than last, but the majority of the accessions to our churches are from the Bible schools, a most gratifying fact. Therefore, emphasis should be placed upon the importance of maintaining our Sunday-schools in the highest state of efficiency for successful service.

We believe, therefore, one of the great needs, if not the greatest, is, not graded schools, but a higher grade of teachers. The teacher is the immediate agent of the Sunday-school, to accomplish its main purpose. By personal influence as well as by imparting instruction, this can be accomplished. Character is contagious. Sabbath-school teachers must love God supremely, love the Bible, and love the

class they teach. Consecrated teachers are needed who have felt the divine call to teach and who do so in obedience to the Divine command.

Your committee find a great gap between the total enrollment and the average attendance, and believe this can be bridged only by careful, persistent, earnest, loving effort on the part of the teacher and a like determination on the part of the scholar.

We believe the capacity of our Bible schools for beneficence has never been fully tested or proved. Lax systems prevail if, indeed, there is any system. Haphazard giving, however, is better than none. But there must be training along these lines. More information concerning the work of our great missionary societies, the State Convention, and kindred organizations is needed, and superintendents should see to it that some time be allotted for instruction during the regular sessions of the school. If systematic giving is ever to become prevalent in our churches, the scholars of the Bible-school must be carefully and wisely instructed, for the church of to-morrow is the school of to-day. "Thou shalt teach these things diligently unto thy children."

Your committee would suggest that more time be given to the discussion of Sunday-school interests during the meetings of the Convention;

That there be a return to the simple study of the Bible, with the Bible in the hands of every scholar;

That our Bible-schools become an evangelistic force, every school being its own evangelist. Let scholars, as well as officers, be set at and kept at work in this direction;

That a return be made to distinctively Baptist methods in teaching Baptist principles and doctrines. Every scholar in our schools should be able to give a reason for the right of a Baptist church to exist, and that reason based on the study of the Word;

That great care be exercised in the selection of the music and song books. There is too much that is frivolous, too much that resembles a jig or a waltz. We recommend a return to the grand old hymns of the church.

We recommend *that* your Bible-school committee be empowered to confer with a committee of the State B. Y. P. U. to consider the desirability of conjointly assuming the indebtedness of the Crescent Beach Tabernacle, now amounting to \$2,300, provided absolute control be given, and the property be deeded to them for their use.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

GEORGE H. GARDNER.

The report was accepted and ordered printed.

Rev. F. D. Luddington, as chairman of Committee on Enrollment, presented the following report: Eighty-five

churches last year reported 285 delegates; this year 101 churches have sent 291 delegates.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

Rev. J. C. Breaker reported that only one new church had been organized the past year, — that is, the Hope Church in Danbury, organized and recognized last December. It is reported that the prospects are very bright.

Voted, That the report be accepted and printed in the minutes.

In the absence of Rev. G. M. Stone, Rev. P. S. Evans reported that the Committee on Systematic Benevolence had held one meeting, and wished the committee be continued for another year.

Voted, That the report be accepted and that the committee be continued.

Rev. J. S. Lyon, as chairman of Committee on Place and Preacher, presented the report: The place is Waterbury. The preacher of the annual sermon, Rev. Henry Clarke; alternate, Rev. F. G. McKeever.

The report was accepted.

The report of Committee on "The State of Religion in the Churches" was presented by Rev. J. R. Stubbett.

THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

On presenting this report your committee would say that the state of religion in the churches cannot be computed by human arithmetic. Earthly figures may be as misleading as the mirage in the desert. Church prosperity is too often extolled where there is an abundance of means and great accessions of numbers. But true religion in the churches is the measure of their spirituality, and not their numbers and wealth. And spirituality is not the shouting of fresh baptisms of the Holy Ghost, nor the immediate inflow of some rich experience never before realized, so as to deceive the soul that God's good begun work has been suddenly completed. True spirituality in the individual or the church is the possessing of the peaceful and lovable spirit of the Master that forces one to attend to the everyday affairs of the church with judicious care and self-denial; that lowly spirit of the Redeemer that esteems others better than self, and quietly but zealously does the work God has assigned to each.

That many of our members exhibit such a spirit and work out those holy principles in their church life is a fact over which we all rejoice. Their love and their zeal for the welfare of Christ's kingdom on earth run hand in hand and are tempered only by the demands made upon them. Such faith and spirituality generally impress the outside world, so that the number of the saved will be added to from time to time as the reward of such faithfulness, and the churches will be strengthened and not weakened by such accessions.

If this could be said of even a majority of the membership of our churches what a different report we would send up at the end of each Convention year. Is it not too painful a fact that so many of our good men and good women who ought to be the growing pillars in all our churches give the strength of their intellectual planning and the force of their counsel and presence to the building up and maintenance of outside organizations, so that the church loses their counsels, their presence, and good offices? Especially is this to be deplored where the regular meetings of the church are deserted in order to fill the lodge rooms, and thus make their meetings successful, whatever may become of the prayer-meetings held on the same evening.

All those organizations may be good in their place and may be doing a benevolent work, but when they come to supplant the church of the Living God, in the minds and hearts of the members, then we think they are being elevated above their proper place.

Another fact is noticeable, the regular dues to those organizations are never wanting, and this is right if a man subscribes to their constitution. Now, it is not an uncommon thing for one man to belong to four of such lodges, and, after paying regular dues and suppers and all other necessary expenses, how much is left per week for the treasury of the church to carry on home work and all the missionary enterprises of the denomination?

This lack of financial support is felt to an alarming degree by the few faithful ones who are daily denying themselves to keep the wheels of Zion's chariot moving. These consecrated few are sorely pressed in making up all deficiencies.

If along these lines we could have a reformation of love to the church of Christ transcending every other earthly object, then would we begin to hear a going in the top of the mulberry trees. This turning away from the church the spiritual mother of us all, to love and espouse other organizations breeds indifference to the churches' best interests, and often positive unconcern whether she lives or dies.

When the membership, one and all, can say by word and action, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of

my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy," then and never till then will religion in the churches be at its highest usefulness. It is not enough that the pastor should be godly and highly interested in the welfare of the church, each member also should be enabled to sing from the depths of an honest conviction, "I love thy church, O God!" This is the way the fathers and mothers in our Zion regarded this matter, and with prayers and tears and much self-denial they have left to us this the most precious of all legacies, the church, to love and foster and cherish and support, and, if need be, to die for.

When this old time love to the church and the house of God will be revived again then Zion will arise and put on her beautiful garments, and she will look "fresh as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible," in her onward march, "as an army with banners." When our strong business men and laboring men alike will give their presence and influence to every detail of every enterprise the church may undertake, then will that light go forth from her altars as the steady unfaltering light of a city on a hill.

That many of our churches are no colder than last year is cold comfort indeed. That others are warm and pressing the battle to the front is a cause for deep gratitude and thankfulness. That taken together they are up to the average in spiritual work gives hope and courage for the future. It would be a true sign that the principles of Christianity had taken deep root in the minds and hearts of the people, if in the time of declension the benevolent offerings were on the increase. The best time to judge of a church's strength and spirituality is when it is in the valley plodding and cultivating, rather than when on the mountain top soaring and exulting, living on expectation. The late war, in the providence of God, has opened up new avenues of usefulness to the churches, and if they are awake to seize the opportunity great good may be accomplished during the coming year. Oh! that the Holy Spirit might energize our membership to the pressing needs of the hour. Our state work demands stronger faith and more liberal contributions, and both will be forthcoming when all hearts are aglow with spiritual unction.

Some of our small churches have confounded the mighty. Torrington, with only seventy-eight members, raised last year for home expenses two thousand five hundred dollars. All this large amount may not have been the result of home giving, but it, nevertheless, shows what consecrated zeal can do. If we are looking for self-denial and a patriotic zeal in religious work we find it largely developed among our smaller churches. They are emulating the spirit of the Master to a large degree. The backward look over our six associations is not so encouraging as in some years previous.

But the letters in each association have a somewhat hopeful tone.

Returns from 140 churches give 691 baptisms, making a gain throughout the state of 17, and for benevolence about \$57,000 have been contributed. Forty-one churches having pastors report no baptisms. The life has been fanned into breathing activity, but no revival spirit has been manifested. Surely this much we should have done, but also much more. Still, let us be thankful for what has been accomplished and hope that under the divine guidance of the great Head of the church, we may be enabled during the coming year to bring forth fruit more abundantly to His honor and glory.

J. R. STUBBERT,

W. P. ELSDEN,

W. P. CHIPMAN.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

Rev. W. C. Martin presented —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your committee on resolutions desire to submit the following:

Resolved, That we express to the Baptist churches of this city our hearty gratitude for the cordial entertainment of which we have been the recipients; and to their pastors for their tireless exertions and extreme thoughtfulness for our comfort. The First and Main Street churches especially have cheerfully assumed burdens which place us under lasting obligations to them, and have filled our days in Meriden with experiences which will continue long with us as pleasant memories.

Resolved, That we record our appreciation of the reports of the proceedings of this Convention, and the organizations meeting with us, contained in the daily papers of this city. Religious addresses are so often misrepresented and made senseless by secular journals, that the painstaking care of the Meriden papers is especially gratifying.

Resolved, That, recognizing a tendency in many of our churches towards worldly pleasures which impair their spirituality and power, we commend a more general pursuit by the young people's societies of our churches of the Christian Culture Courses, believing that such pursuit would help to alleviate the evil, and inculcate needed Biblical knowledge of New Testament principles and diffuse missionary intelligence.

Resolved, That we acknowledge our deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the speedy termination of the recent conflict and for the success of the nation's arms. That we devoutly hope that in whatever territory becomes the property of the United States the principles of civil and religious liberty may be disseminated and

maintained. That we recognize with pleasure the aggressive protestant missionary endeavors being undertaken in the islands now, or soon to become, freed from Spanish control, and especially the successful Baptist work well under way in Cuba; and we consider that a peculiar responsibility rests upon our denomination to spare no efforts to enlighten that unhappy island.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the rapid growth of intemperance, and that we lament the spirit of indifference which seems to be creeping upon the churches; that we, as Christian workers, should constantly impress upon our people the need of watchfulness and aggressive action against that power which blights manhood, ruins homes, and undermines our civic life, and we believe that aggressive action can best be shown at the polls.

Resolved, That this Convention appoint delegates to represent us at the Third National Anti-Saloon Convention to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 6th-8th, according to the invitation received from the secretary of said League.

Resolved, That deeply regretting the increased disposition among Christians to secularize the Lord's Day, we assert that these infringements upon the Sabbath are un-Christian, and sufficient cause for church discipline.

Resolved, That in response to the resolution and invitation of the General Conference of the Congregational churches of Connecticut, we appoint a committee of five (5), partly laymen, to co-operate in such efforts as they, jointly, may consider wise, looking to the raising of a higher standard in these matters in our churches, and to the securing of needed state legislation.

W. C. MARTIN,
GEO. BRAKER, JR.,
E. W. HUSTED,
H. E. WISE.

Voted, That the report be adopted and printed in the minutes.

The resolutions recommend the appointment of five delegates to attend the Anti-Saloon Convention to be held in Cleveland in December.

Voted, That the delegates be appointed.

It was also recommended that we appoint five delegates to the Convention on Sabbath Observance.

Voted, That the delegates be appointed.

Voted, That we reconsider the action on the report of the Committee on Temperance. The report was amended by

striking out two clauses; the amended report was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

The President announced the following committees to report next year:

Committees to report next year:

On Nomination of Trustees — Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Rev. W. G. Fennell, Rev. H. M. Thompson, Rev. A. C. Wheaton, Wm. H. Douglass, Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D.

On Obituaries — Rev. Geo. D. Reid, Rev. L. B. Curtis, Rev. G. C. Chappell, Rev. Geo. H. Gardner, Rev. E. Dewhurst, Rev. J. C. Hyde.

On State of Churches — Rev. J. H. Strong, Rev. F. G. McKeever, Rev. W. D. McKinney, Rev. R. Maplesden, Rev. C. H. Brown, Rev. R. E. Turner.

On Home and Foreign Missions — Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., Rev. Addison Moore, Rev. James A. Clarke, Rev. S. G. Hastings, Rev. J. B. Lemon, Rev. F. H. Gates.

On Bible Schools — Rev. Frank Dixon, Dwight L. Smith, H. C. Warren, Rev. E. T. Miller, Rev. F. W. C. Meyer, J. Harry Crossley.

On Temperance — Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Rev. F. J. Parry, D.D., Rev. J. B. Connell, Rev. J. W. Payne, Rev. C. S. Ramsey.

On New Churches — Rev. A. P. Wedge, Rev. A. K. Foster, Rev. C. H. Hands, Rev. H. M. Wolfe, Jr., Rev. E. R. Perkins, Rev. W. N. Morton.

On Arrangements for Next Session — Pastor of entertaining church, Rev. F. J. Parry, Rev. P. S. Evans, Rev. C. A. Piddock, Pres. W. A. Grippin, and such others as the chairman may desire to add.

On Systematic Beneficence — Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. L. J. Bamberg, Rev. Geo. Breaker, Jr., Rev. John H. Strong, Rev. F. J. Parry, D.D., Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., Rev. W. C. Martin.

Historical Committee — Rev. W. G. Fennell, Rev. A. C. Wheaton, Judge M. H. Smith, Rev. C. A. Piddock, Rev. P. S. Evans.

On Sunday Observance — Hon. Francis Wayland, Rev. J. B. Lemon, Hon. J. W. Manning, Rev. Wm. D. McKinney, Bro. Edward Miller, Sen.

Delegates to Anti-Saloon Convention — Hon. Hadlai A. Hull, Rev. Frank Dixon, Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D., Bro. J. L. Denison, Rev. Harvey Linsley.

Voted, That the President be added to the Committee of Arrangements for next year.

Voted, That the Secretary have power to print the minutes without reading to the Convention.

After a few parting words from Pastor Fennell and President Grippin, Rev. J. S. Lyon offered prayer.

Voted, To adjourn.

W. A. GRIPPIN,
President.

P. S. EVANS,
Secretary.

The committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Baptist Convention in session at Meriden, October 17th, to draft a memorial of the late Henry R. Tryon of Hartford, submit the following:

Henry R. Tryon, who passed to his reward March 3, 1898, was for fifty-three years actively identified with the Baptist interests of Hartford. Most of that time he was one of the foremost workers of the South Baptist Church, but some of the best and most faithful years of his life were devoted to the building up of a Sunday-school, which became at one time the largest in the city of Hartford, and led to the organization of a church, of which the Memorial Baptist is the outcome.

To this godly man the kingdom of God was the first concern in life. Sacrifice for the sake of that kingdom was for him a holy joy. His profound love for his Lord and for the denomination into which the spirit led him was evinced by his bequest of practically his

whole estate to the Baptist Convention of Connecticut, after the decease of his widow. For this remembrance the Board of Directors of the Baptist Convention of Connecticut desire to put their gratitude upon record.

We extend to the widow of our brother our Christian sympathy, and pray that she may be granted long lease of life and usefulness in the church where her husband's memory is honored.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK DIXON, *Chairman*,
GEO. M. STONE, D.D.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Connecticut Branch of the Woman's American
Baptist Home Mission Society.

The work of our society during the year past has been pursued with much unity and enthusiasm. A definite purpose in the minds of state workers and associational directors has given an impetus to their work, and an intimate correspondence in all parts of the field, with careful placing of literature will, we believe, insure an intelligent interest which shall tell in increased gifts for the current year. It has been our earnest desire to stir up Christians to continued good works in all lines of benevolence, and we rejoice in the success of every branch of legitimate church work.

Feeling that it would be a privilege to have a part in the rescue work in our own state, we sought during December of last year to secure a special contribution from all our circles for the salary of a Bible woman among the French Canadians of Connecticut. The amount realized from this effort was \$172.38. This work has the hearty approval of pastors who have been helped by the visits of our French missionary and will be continued. We bespeak for it the support of our Baptist women.

We are very glad to note a greater interest in our mission in Alaska. Fifty-two Sunday-schools gave last year, where thirty-eight contributed the previous year; these, with sixteen Young People's organizations, and a few individual gifts, in all amounting to \$543.72, show an increase of \$44.35 for Alaska. May we not hope that the other half-hundred Sunday-schools of Connecticut will fall into line in this interesting and important work.

The entire amount contributed through the various organizations,

including the above-mentioned sums, is \$3,578.26. While this falls nearly \$500 short of what we proposed to raise, we acknowledge with gratitude a large gift from Mrs. Mary Abby Bushnell of Norwich, which more than doubles our receipts. The legacy is \$4,617.95, making a total of \$8,196.21.

We would make mention of the goodness of God in so abundantly remembering our work, and we are impelled to more earnest efforts for the future.

Our Junior Vice-President longs for greater permanence in the work of the Junior societies, and asks the hearty co-operation of the Baptist young people of the entire state in the effort to raise the salaries of Miss Blanche Willis, a teacher at Atoka, I. T., and of Miss Finnette Jewett of Hartshorn Memorial, Richmond, Va. One thousand dollars is asked from the young people of Connecticut outside of the Sunday-schools.

Our state and associational workers remain the same, with one exception. Miss Nellie Sweet fills the Junior directorship made vacant in Hartford Association by the withdrawal of Mrs. Gershom Smith.

In Hartford Association Mrs. E. A. Spencer conducts the work, with Miss Sweet as assistant. Eighteen churches are identified with us. In June a woman's meeting was held at South Windsor. This meeting was conducted by Mrs. C. M. Glazier and Miss Howard. The thoughtful efforts of a number of local workers made up an interesting and profitable program. By circles have been given \$642.03; by Sunday-schools for Alaska, \$102.85. These, with the gifts of the young people, make a total of \$806.80.

In Ashford Association Mrs. Preston, who has served the society for fifteen years, by her deep sympathy and loving thoughts, holds the work and workers in her care very near her heart, and brings report from her little band of ten churches of \$350.99.

In Stonington Union, Mrs. S. F. Brown is greatly encouraged because fourteen of her sixteen churches respond to her call. She seeks to establish the system of quarterly returns and commends one of her smallest churches for faithfulness.

Stonington Union sends gifts by circles, \$284.46; by Sunday-schools, \$49.75; by Young People, \$99.52; total, \$433.73.

In New Haven Association Miss Margaret McWhinnie reports advance along all lines. Of the thirty-three churches, nine form the New Haven Alliance, twenty contribute to our society, leaving only four which are not actively engaged in Woman's Home Missions. From circles we have \$807.50; from Sunday-schools, \$123.79; from Young People, \$158.23; making a total of \$1,089.52.

In Fairfield Association Mrs. M. W. Silliman reports a slight loss. A number of the churches are mission churches and very weak. Efforts have been made to cultivate the field, the various interests

have been urged, and meetings held at Northville and Norwalk, with good results. The whole amount contributed is \$377.26.

Mrs. Perkins of New London Association reports very substantial gains. Twenty-five dollars from five small churches, which had not given anything for years. A bright meeting held at Huntington Street Church, New London, where much interest was shown in the various branches of the work by women of local societies. Contributions from circles, \$315.81; from Sunday-schools for Alaska, \$86.86; from Young People, for general work, \$94.99. Total from organizations, \$497.66. It is in this association the legacy of \$4,617.95 is reported.

Subscriptions to *Home Mission Echoes* have not been so numerous as we had hoped for, and the paper will have to be restored to its former price. Supplies have not been fully reported.

We realize that there must be the power of love in our hearts before we can move others. We have striven to work along practical lines. In the coming months let us remember that the promise is not to the successful ones, but to those who are faithful unto death; then will we not grow weary, but press on, and the blessing which faithful service brings will be upon us.

HELEN R. DEWHURST,
FRANCES McKINNEY,
MARY L. HOWARD.

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Stonington Union, . . .
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New London, . . .
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Hartford, . . .
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New Haven, . . .
 Junior, . . .
Fairfield, . . .
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Mrs. WM. T. HINCKS, Bridgeport.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of
Connecticut.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society was held at the First Baptist Church, Meriden, October 18th. After singing, Mrs. F. W. Payne, Junior Secretary for Hartford Association, read the scripture, and Mrs. F. G. McKeever of New London offered prayer.

The reports of the secretaries were then given, and the report of the treasurer of the incidental fund, which showed a balance of \$7 on hand.

Mrs. Harriet Newell Jones of Philadelphia gave an inspiring address, telling how to kindle missionary fires.

A collection amounting to \$19.67 was taken. The session closed with a brief prayer by the state secretary.

REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY.

For twenty-seven years the women of Connecticut have been organized as helpers in our great Foreign Missionary work. For twenty-seven years they have labored and prayed. They have learned the value of continued persistent effort, and have proved again and again that God hears and answers the earnest fervent prayers of His children.

Last year, when we gathered at our annual meeting at Hartford, Mrs. McKeever gave us her last report as Junior State Secretary, having resigned that office. No one could be found to take up the work at once, and so the State Secretary was obliged to shoulder the added burden, and struggle on as best she could during almost the entire year. She wishes to acknowledge the material assistance given by Miss Mary Partrick of Norwalk, one of our dear Farther Lights girls. In August, Mrs. J. B. Kent of Putnam consented to take up the Junior work for the state, and she has been duly appointed by the Board. She brings to us her five years' experience as Secretary of the Ashford Association, and a heart full of warmth and earnestness. We are sure the Junior department is to be congratulated.

We are very thankful to report this year that we have a Senior

and Junior Secretary in every association. These deserve your thanks, your assistance, and your prayers for their devotion to this service. Don't be afraid to let them know that they have your sympathy and whole-hearted co-operation.

We were favored during a part of March and April in having the services of Miss Lizzie Hyatt of Boston, who made a tour among the churches, "strengthening the things that remained" in some instances, and in many more awakening a new interest among our young ladies. Thirteen Farther Lights circles were organized through her efforts, and many of our women's circles have received a fresh impulse.

In four of the six associations there has been a slight increase in the number of contributors. The reports from the association secretaries speak of increasing interest in many of the churches, and we are led to hope that the old "Don't-believe-in-Missions" band is growing a little smaller each year. It seems a little strange that the falling off in zeal, or a lack of gain in enthusiasm should be found in the larger churches. Are our women so absorbed with social duties and patriotic and philanthropic work that they are forgetting the "Go ye into all the world and *preach the Gospel*"? No other work can take its place.

The *Helping Hand* subscription list has been increased by about seventy names and still not one-tenth of our women are enrolled as regular readers. There has been an effort to introduce *The King's Messenger* into our Sunday-schools, and this has resulted in an increase of nearly two hundred names. It is one of the most attractive of children's papers and in clubs of fifty can be had for the low price of ten cents per copy. By subscribing for this paper you can help the cause in two ways: *first*, by increasing an interest in missions among the boys and girls who read it; and, *second*, by making it a source of revenue instead of expense to the society.

Beside the *Helping Hand* and *King's Messenger*, there are many other aids to be found in our literature department. A free use of these will aid you in preparing programs, and will add interest to your meetings. It is a noticeable fact that where missionary literature is carefully read, where regular monthly meetings are maintained, where systematic study and carefully prepared programs are "the fashion" in those churches, interest, zeal, and contributions steadily increase.

The whole amount of contributions last year was \$4,999.15. Of this amount \$725.28 was given by individuals toward the debt reported April, 1897, leaving \$4,273.87 as the contribution of the circles to the general work, a gain of a little more than \$150 over the previous year. This is not much, but it is a gain. Our apportionment has never been attained because our twelve thousand Baptist women are only giving on an average thirty-seven cents each. Too many

circles are satisfied to do "as much as we did last year." An average of fifty cents from each woman would give us the \$6,000 we have so long coveted.

The usual meetings of the different conferences and associations have been held at their stated times. These have all been practical, helpful, and spiritual. We have enjoyed having with us on some of these occasions, Mrs. Grant of China, Mrs. Parshley of Japan, Miss Hanna of Burma, and Miss MacLaurin, and Miss Hyatt of Boston.

We would pay respect to a faithful worker who has been "called home," Mrs. Harriet Goodrich of New Haven. She had long been a member of the Board. Although she had but recently removed to this state, her influence was already being felt, and we had looked forward to the help we knew she was able and willing to give, but, again, we are reminded that there is but one Helper who is all-sufficient.

We would recommend for the coming year a continuance of systematic study of the field and its needs; systematic *giving* of our time, our talents, our money, *ourselves*; systematic *prayer* for guidance and for the Father's blessing on the work and the workers. Let us each take for our personal motto this year, "One more woman working, praying, giving, and growing (not groaning) in loyal obedience to our Lord's supreme command."

MRS. ARCHIBALD WHEATON.

October 18, 1898.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Changes are nearly always unwelcome, but it is with especial regret that the retirement of Mrs. F. G. McKeever from the position of Junior Secretary of the W. B. F. M. S. of Connecticut, is mentioned to-day. To her talent for organization, admirably seconded by the competent associational secretaries of her staff, is largely due the satisfactory condition of this department at the close of her period of service. The standard has since been fully maintained by the exertions of the ever busy Senior Secretary, with the assistance of Miss Partrie of Norwalk.

The fifth annual report of the Junior Department of the W. B. F. M. S. of Connecticut is as follows: Within our borders are found 140 churches and 142 Bible schools. These are subdivided into six associations, each equipped with a consecrated energetic secretary. Their compiled reports show 26 young ladies' societies, 20 bearing the name of Farther Lights, and contributing the sum in round numbers, \$323 to the treasury. Number of members, 653, an increase of 47 during the past year, which closed in April. We have 27 children's mission bands, with 662 members sending gifts of \$125. But 15 Junior B. Y. P. U. or C. E. societies are reported, but

their contributions amount to \$173, and the tiny hands of the children of 14 primary classes have dropped pennies and nickels to the sum of \$48. These totals, with the gift of \$86 from the Sunday-schools, swell the amount to \$753 contributed to this cause during the last fiscal year. These simple statistics give but faintest outline of the work of the alert secretaries, but the outcome is very pleasing, inasmuch as it represents the completed organization and perfected working of each special hive of the department. Our aim for the present year is a Farther Lights circle in every church, the formation of a Mission Board, or a conquest department in every Junior Society, and a contribution from every primary class in our Bible schools. May I offer as our motto this line, "Only Thou our Leader be, and we still will follow Thee."

MRS. J. B. KENT,
Junior State Secretary.

SECRETARIES.

State Secretary, Mrs. ARCHIBALD WHEATON, Mystic.
Junior State Secretary, Mrs. J. B. KENT, Putnam.

Association Secretaries.

Ashford,	Mrs. WARREN ATHERTON, West Woodstock.
Junior,	Miss HELEN CRANSKA, Thompson.
Fairfield,	Mrs. J. B. HOYT, Stamford.
Junior,	Miss MARY PARTRIC, Norwalk.
Hartford,	Mrs. H. L. STRONG, 19 Vernon St., Hartford.
Junior,	Mrs. F. W. PAYNE, 40 Huntington St., Hartford.
New Haven,	Miss F. L. TWISS, 1096 Broad St., Meriden.
Junior,	Miss M. L. POTTER, 723 Elm St., New Haven.
New London,	Mrs. S. A. LESTER, 31 Jay St., New London.
Junior,	Mrs. H. L. AVERY, 59 Broad St., New London.
Stonington Union,	Mrs. CARRIE W. LATHAM, Mystic.
Junior (acting),	Mrs. J. C. HYDE, Quaker Hill.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
Baptist Young People's Union of Connecticut.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Baptist Union of Connecticut was held at Meriden, October 17th and 18th.

After an organ voluntary the congregation united in singing "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus." This was followed by a praise and devotional service, in which Rev. C. S. Ramsey read for the scripture lesson, Matt. 20, and Rev. J. S. Lyon offered prayer.

Secretary H. A. Edgecomb read his report, calling especial attention to the increased interest in the C. C. C.; there were three times as many taking the examinations as last year. There are 82 societies in all; of these 39 are C. E. societies, 32 are B. Y. P. U., and 11 have other names. Thirty-three churches have not reported; 5 societies have been discontinued. There are 3,167 active, 644 associate, 217 honorary, and 1,167 junior, members, or a total of 5,195 members in all the societies. Total offerings, \$5,866.88; for benevolence, \$2,330.13. There are 463 systematic givers.

Report accepted.

The secretary read an encouraging letter from Secretary E. E. Chivers.

James L. Case, the treasurer, presented his report, showing that the total receipts have been \$82.90, and total expenses \$78.09.

Report accepted.

President F. E. Robbins spoke of some important things to be emphasized — the loyalty of our Baptist young people to the church, that the society does not exist merely for the sake of maintaining itself, but that it may be a helper to the church, that this Young People's movement is almost purely an educational movement.

Rev. H. E. Wise brought from his C. C. C. class five members, Mrs. H. E. Wise, Mrs. C. W. Perkins, Mrs. A. M. Edwards, Mrs. Wm. Gilchrist, Mrs. M. W. Golden, and with them illustrated his method of conducting the C. C. C. study. Great interest was awakened by this address.

Rev. Theodore Heisig, President New Jersey B. Y. P. U., plead earnestly for a manifestation of moral courage, and spoke of the Bible as the best possible book for inspiring moral heroism.

He said: "Novels may seem likely to inspire one to noble activity, but as one comes to the place where he needs the inspiration, his

heart tells him that these characters never lived and acted except in the imagination of the writer; but in the Bible one finds those who have lived and acted in the most heroic way, and through the contemplation of these one is aroused to do his best.

The speaker made his thought very practical by showing the moral heroism of the three Hebrew children. They did not wait to argue the question at all, but in their strong faith responded at once.

Miss Helen M. Kennard of the First Baptist Church, Meriden, favored the congregation with a solo.

After singing "My Country, 'tis of Thee," Rev. W. G. Fennell pronounced the benediction.

Tuesday morning the exercises were opened with devotional services in the charge of Rev. J. C. Hyde.

Rev. E. T. Miller opened the discussion of the "Culture Courses," which was continued by Brethren Hyde, Wise, Edgecomb, Meyer.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following names, and they were elected:

President — Rev. A. P. Wedge, Rockville.

First Vice-President — Rev. J. H. Strong, New Britain.

Second Vice-President — Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr., Waterford.

Secretary — H. A. Edgecomb, Groton.

Treasurer — J. L. Case, Norwich.

The matter of Transportation Leader was left with the Executive Board of the Union.

Secretary Edgecomb gave a brief report of the Buffalo Convention, speaking of it as one of the largest and most successful conventions ever held.

Voted, That the Secretary of the Young People's Union be instructed to consult with the Secretary of the Convention with regard to securing space in the minutes of the Convention for a tabulated statement of the Young People's Societies.

Rev. W. C. Martin called attention to important truths that are suppressed, — the work of the personal Holy Spirit, eternal punishment, the second coming of Christ, concerning baptism.

After a discussion of the summer schools it was voted that the matter be left to the Board of Managers, that they, after making a careful study of the matter, report at the next annual meeting.

President Robbins closed the service with prayer and benediction.

REGISTER OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

(A Partial Report.)

Ashford Association.

CHURCH.	SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Total Membership.
Brooklyn.....	B. Y. P. U.	William Potter.....	Ethel Young.....	26
Danielson.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	L. B. Arnold.....	Miss E. F. Babson.....	67
Eastford.....	"	Mrs. T. P. Briggs.....	Mrs. David Perry.....	23
Putnam.....	B. Y. P. U.	J. B. Bowen.....	Georgiana King.....	67
Stafford.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Mrs. O. T. Hullitt.....	George Jenkins.....	45
Thompson Center.....	B. Y. P. U.	Henry Converse.....	H. A. Tracy.....	25
Warrenville.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	G. C. Chappell.....	Mrs. R. H. Wright.....	49
Westford.....	"	A. G. Barlow.....	Miss G. Barlow.....	16
Willimantic.....	"	C. H. Barrows.....	Nellie M. Preston.....	90
Willington.....	U. C. E.	Rev. S. W. Clarke.....	Emma Robbins.....	22
Woodstock, South.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Albert Williams.....	Elmira Wells.....	17

Fairfield Association.

Bridgeport, First.....	No Report.			
" German.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	H. Haffner.....	E. Wäger.....	25
" Immanuel.....	"	Isaac Paul.....	B. E. Eumous.....	32
" E. Wash. Ave.....	"	O. H. Highland.....	Sadie M. Atkins.....	43
Danbury, Second.....	"	T. E. Andrews.....	H. Andrews.....	72
New Canaan.....	B. Y. P. U.	J. B. Ritgers.....	Alice Avery.....	32
Norwalk, First.....	"	Chas. Yost.....	Mary A. Hyatt.....	60
Rowayton.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	J. H. Sherer.....	Ida Sherer.....	50

Hartford Association.

Bristol.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Montague Perkins.....	Mrs. W. T. Tyson.....	76
Hartford, Asylum Ave.....	"	C. Ed. Prior.....	Emma Campbell.....	32
" Memorial.....	B. Y. P. U.	C. W. Even.....	Miss E. A. Morse.....	63
" South.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Seymore Williams.....	Miss E. L. Carey.....	60
New Britain, German.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Louis Nichols.....	F. H. Young.....	32
New Hartford.....	B. Y. P. U.	Kittie Burdick.....	Emma Stanley.....	27
Plainville.....	"	John King.....	Minnie Graham.....	38
Rockville.....	"	Mary Tyler.....	Mrs. E. J. Dunn.....	70
Suffield, First.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Ida L. Stiles.....	Grace L. Hastings.....	24
Tariffville.....	"	H. G. Moore.....	Celia Munson.....	39
Torrington.....	"	W. E. French.....	A. H. Bray.....	30
Wethersfield.....	B. Y. P. U.	Miss F. E. Howard.....	Charlotte E. Dollinger.....	35
Winsted.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	G. S. Sanford.....	G. G. Sanford.....	44

New Haven Association.

Ansonia, First.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	L. P. Hall.....	Ida M. Steeves.....	59
" Macedonia.....	B. Y. P. U.	P. H. Sweet.....	Bessie Stark.....	40
Branford.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Thos. B. Ward.....	Mrs. D. W. Goddard.....	51
Chester.....	B. W. of C. E.	Emma L. Bogart.....	— — — — —	3

CHURCH.	SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Total Membership.
Clinton.....	"	Geo. S. Carter.....	R. H. Stevens.....	23
Cromwell.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Miss A. S. Johnson.....	A. Austin.....	19
Deep River.....	B. U. of C. E.....	M. Collins.....	Belle F. Parker.....	43
Essex.....	Y. P. S. C. E.....	A. L. Pratt.....	Grace W. Goddard.....	71
Meriden, First.....	"	R. Marsden.....	M. Edgerton.....	78
" German.....	"	John Schnster.....	Dorothy Halgis.....	36
" Main Street.....	"	W. H. Storms.....	Chas. Leach.....	72
" Swede.....	B. Y. P. U.....	.....	Julius Youngquist.....	27
Middletown.....	"	F. E. Payne.....	I. G. Newell.....	120
New Haven, German.....	Y. P. S. C. E.....	F. W. C. Meyer.....	E. J. Rungee.....	160
" Grand Ave.....	"	Mrs. F. Siebert.....	Alice Hanselacker.....	85
" Hope.....	"	Kenneth Robbins.....	Sadie Cook.....	44
" Howard Ave.....	"	Alice J. Elkins.....	Jennette Parmelee.....	48
" Swede.....	"	G. W. Erickson.....	Miss G. Peterson.....	16
Plantsville.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Ellen Larson.....	Gertrude Hamlin.....	32
Southington.....	Y. P. S. C. E.....	John Orr.....	Mabel F. Cadwell.....	29
Waterbury, 1st.....	"	Adelaide L. Frost.....	W. J. Munroe.....	88
" 2d.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Edward Morgan.....	Gertrude L. Snag.....	34
Wallingford.....	Y. P. S. C. E.....	Arthur Payne.....	Annie M. James.....	34
Yalesville.....	"	W. S. Hotchkiss.....	C. A. Doolittle.....	44

New London Association.

Colchester.....	B. Y. P. U.....	L. C. Brown.....	F. I. Phillips.....	24
" Scott Hill.....	Y. P. S. C. E.....	E. M. Price.....	Hattie Munroe.....	
Lake's Pond.....	"	G. H. Chappell.....	May A. Chappell.....	23
Lebanon.....	"	Phebe C. Irish.....	Hattie J. Manley.....	34
Lyme, North.....	"	J. W. Stark.....	Mrs. G. H. Strong.....	29
" Old.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Mrs. J. R. Very.....	Donald Miller.....	25
Montville.....	C. E.....	Edward Henry.....	Grace Hooper.....	39
New London, 1st.....	B. U. of C. E.....	Miss M. A. Jackson.....	Mrs. J. R. Saunders.....	97
" Hunt'g't'n St.....	C. E.....	W. A. Ames.....	May Green.....	70
Niantic.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Mrs. Mary Brooks.....	Lena Clark.....	40
Norwich, Central.....	"	F. H. Cranston.....	.....	115
" First.....	"	Mrs. C. W. Perkins.....	Kate J. Willey.....	60
" Mt. Calvary.....	"	Maurice Dabney.....	Frank Carter.....	56
" Third.....	"	Henry Anderson.....	Adah Richmond.....	34
Quaker Hill.....	"	George Hestor.....	Jennie Jerome.....	32
Waterford, 1st.....	C. E.....	Chas. L. Avery.....	Miss M. A. Payne.....	56

Stonington Union Association.

Groton Heights.....	B. Y. P. U.....	H. A. Edgcomb.....	D. W. Bosworth.....	82
Jewett City.....	C. E.....	John R. Armstrong.....	Ella M. Campbell.....	41
Mystic, Union.....	"	Helen Wilbur.....	Jessie Hennicutt.....	44
Noank.....	B. Y. P. U.....	R. I. Porter.....	C. M. Chester.....	108
No. Stonington, Thrd.....	"	Warren Mathewson.....	Mrs. W. H. Hillard.....	65
Plainfield, Union.....	"	Mack Mott.....	May Anderson.....	40
Poquonock Bridge.....	"	B. J. Gardner.....	Warren Burrows.....	35
Sterling.....	C. E.....	Edw. Freeman.....	Bertha M. Freeman.....	26
Voluntown.....	B. Y. P. U.....	C. C. Bliven.....	Rev. E. Dewhurst.....	41
Totals.....	Societies reported, 80.....	Membership, 3,906.		

TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year Ending October 12, 1898.

Balance on hand at last report, \$837.88

RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES.

Andover,	\$6.25	Middletown, First, . .	\$54.00
Ansonia,	80.00	Moodus,	10.00
Bantam,	3.00	Montville Union, . .	13.21
Branford,	7.00	Mystic Union, . . .	62.05
Bridgeport, E. Wash. Av.,	29.79	New Hartford, . . .	3.00
" First, . . .	250.00	New Britain, First, .	120.96
" Messiah, . .	15.00	" German, . . .	5.60
Clinton,	3.00	" Swedish, . .	12.46
Colebrook, No. and So.,	5.70	New Haven, First, . .	154.00
Cornwall Hollow, . . .	6.00	" Calvary, . . .	170.19
* Cromwell,	25.00	" Grand Av., . .	20.66
Danbury, Second, . . .	41.00	" German, . . .	25.00
Danielson,	14.27	" Hope,	38.00
Deep River,	67.07	" Olivet, . . .	18.23
Eastford,	15.25	New Milford,	18.00
Easton,	5.50	Niantic,	3.26
East Cornwall,	8.16	Noank,	250.00
Essex,	46.79	North Lyme,	23.00
Groton, First,	45.00	Norwich, Central, . .	110.00
" Heights, . .	13.69	" First,	7.00
Hartford, Asylum Av.,	152.36	" Third,	1.92
" First,	218.00	Old Lyme,	5.00
" Memorial, . .	35.00	Packersville,	13.50
" South,	103.75	Plainfield Union, . .	6.20
" Swedish, . . .	17.50	Poquonnoc Bridge, . .	10.00
" Olivet,	16.93	Putnam,	181.53
Jewett City,	23.81	Rockville,	19.00
Lebanon and Fitchville,	10.00	Saybrook, First, . . .	4.48
Mansfield,	6.10	Scott Hill,	5.00
Meriden, Broad St., . .	112.43	South Norwalk, . . .	132.29
" Main St., . .	25.10	" Willington, . .	5.00
" German,	5.00	" Windsor, . . .	9.00
" Swedish, . . .	15.00	" Woodstock, . . .	8.55

* This item should be \$10, and \$15 additional credited to C. A. Piddock, supply.

Southington,	\$32.68	Wallingford, . . .	\$119.00
Stafford,	5.00	Warrenville,	4.00
Stamford,	30.00	Waterbury, First, . .	117.00
Stepney,	10.00	“ Swedish, . . .	2.61
Stonington, Borough, .	125.70	“ Second, . . .	5.00
“ Third,	3.00	Waterford, First, . .	21.00
Suffield, First, . . .	13.15	“ Second, . . .	16.29
“ Second,	41.03	Westford,	5.00
Tariffville,	15.00	Wethersfield,	5.00
Thompson, Central, . .	7.35	Willimantic,	28.64
Torrington,	34.16	Willington,	5.00
Voluntown,	5.00	Winsted,	4.97
			<hr/> \$3,604.12

FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Middletown, First, . .	\$19.17	New London, Hunting-	
Southington,	20.00	ton St.,	\$5.00
Hartford, First, . . .	15.00	South Norwalk, . . .	2.64
			<hr/> \$61.81

FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Warrenville, Y. P. S. C. E.,	\$5.20
Deep River, Children's Gleaners' Band,	45.00
Poquonnoc Bridge, B. Y. P. U.,	10.00
Winsted, Y. P. S. C. E.,	3.00
Suffield, 2d, Y. P. S. C. E.,	2.27
Norwich, Central, Extra-Cent-a-Day Band, . . .	50.00
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	\$115.47

FROM INDIVIDUALS.

J. W. Manning, Putnam,	for debt,	\$5.00
W. A. Grippin, Bridgeport,	“	50.00
A. J. Shipley, Waterbury,	“	75.00
C. A. Schlupf, “	“	5.00
Geo. F. Spencer, Deep River,	“	10.00
Chas. S. Peale, Norwich,	“	25.00
C. A. Piddock, Hartford,	“	25.00
N. M. Learned, “	“	10.00
R. H. Linsley,	“	10.00
Edward Miller, Meriden,	“	50.00
F. W. Payne, Hartford,	“	10.00
F. W. C. Meyer, N. Haven,	“	5.00
J. D. Herr, Norwich,	“	10.00
R. Maplesden, Middletown,	“	10.00
J. C. Duncanson,	“	5.00
C. H. Peckham,	“	10.00
J. Q. Bradish, N. Haven,	“	10.00
J. A. Conklin, Hartford,	“	10.00

W. H. Douglass, N. Haven,	for debt, . . .	\$50.00	
A. Wheaton, Mystic,	" . . .	10.00	
W. G. Fennell, Meriden,	" . . .	10.00	
Lewis Hall,	" . . .	25.00	
J. L. Howard, Hartford,	" . . .	87.51	
J. S. Hall, Meriden,	" . . .	25.00	
A. J. Sloper, New Britain,	" . . .	25.00	
		<hr/>	\$567.51

Other contributions for the debt were :

Noank Church, \$250 (credited in list of churches),
 Poquonnoc Bridge Society, \$10, and amount received at Convention last year, \$212.98, making a total of \$1,040.49.

Robert Palmer, Noank, for Torrington, . . .	\$100.00	
A. J. Shipley, Waterbury, " . . .	25.00	
G. M. Stone, Hartford, " . . .	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$130.00
J. L. Denison, " Italian work, . . .	10.00	
E. Miller, Meriden, " . . .	25.00	
Mrs. J. B. Hoyt, Stamford, " . . .	50.00	
J. L. Howard, Hartford, " . . .	25.00	
J. A. Wiley, " " . . .	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$120.00
Mrs. D. Morgan, . . .	2.00	
Mrs. J. C. Hyde, Waterford, . . .	20.00	
Mary A. Stone, estate, . . .	5.00	
Mrs. A. E. Pollard, Stonington, . . .	25.00	
Mrs. Francis Wayland, N. Haven, . . .	100.00	

FROM INTEREST.

Dunham Fund, . . \$195.00	Cone Fund, . . \$180.00	
Phelps " . . . 50.00	A. Francis " . . . 75.00	
E. Francis " . . . 86.50	Rowayton " . . . 60.00	
Chapman " . . . 307.50	Interest repaid, . . . 90.00	
Miller " . . . 80.00	Int. repaid by Salem	
Salem and Scott Hill	Church, . . . 46.06	
Fund, . . . 92.01	May Fund, . . . 25.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,237.07

FOR MINUTES.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Conn., .	\$5.00	
" Home " " " .	10.00	
Ashford Association, . . .	6.19	
Education Society, . . .	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$51.19

FOR FRENCH AND ITALIAN MISSIONS.

American Baptist Publication Society,	\$299.91	
Bristol Y. P. S. C. E.,	10.00	
South Woodstock Mission Band,	5.00	
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Adding amount credited to individuals, \$120, makes total of \$434.91.		\$314.91
German Church, Bridgeport, for rent,	\$174.00	
From mortgage loan on Torrington church, . . .	1,952.78	
" loans,	1,500.00	
Transferred from Colored Church Fund,	150.00	
C. A. Piddock, services as supply,	56.09	
Insurance repaid,	27.00	
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		\$11,051.33

PAYMENTS TO CHURCHES AND MISSIONS.

French Mission,	\$300.00	Eastford & Westford, \$117.50
Italian " P. de Carlo, 409.00		Sterling Hill, 100.00
" C. Cereta, 175.00		Poquonnoc Bridge, 60.00
Waterbury, Swedish, 112.50		South Woodstock, 75.00
New Haven, " 154.17		Moodus, 60.00
Meriden, " 137.50		Scott Hill, 45.00
Waterbury, German, 150.00		Naugatuck Mission, 75.00
Hartford, Swedish, 200.00		No. and So. Colebrook, 60.00
New Canaan, 120.00		Lake's Pond, 83 33
Tariffville, 160.00		Old Lyme, 40.00
New Britain, Swedish, 162.50		Wethersfield, 40.00
Howard Av., N. Haven, 125.00		Haddam, 30.00
New Hartford, 90.00		Warrenville, 37.50
Bantam and Cornwall, 112.50		Cheshire, 75.00
Rockville, 200.00		West Hartford, 62.50
Andover, 60.00		Torrington, 300.00
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		\$3,929.00

INCOME TO CHURCHES.

North Colebrook,	\$50.00	Wethersfield,	\$136.50
" Stonington,	80.00	Rowayton,	60.00
Salem,	46.06	Willington,	104.00
Scott Hill,	45.95	Moodus,	90.00
Mansfield,	52.00		<hr/>
			\$664.51
P. S. Evans, Secretary, salary and expenses,			215.27
C. A. Piddock, Field Secretary, salary and expenses, .			1,573.04
Printing,			289.58
Expenses of Executive Committee,			29.90
Insurance, Rowayton,	\$27.00		
" New Hartford,	42.00		69.00
Expenses of Convention (stenographer),			10.00
Contributions for Torrington,			380.00
Torrington, balance of mortgage loan,			952.78
Paid on loans,			2,475.00
Interest, Bridgeport German,	\$165.00		
" Shelton,	90.00		
" on loans,	84.24		339.24
Bridgeport German, repairs and water rents,			34.18
Postage, revenue stamps, etc.,			3.96
Balance in hands of Treasurer,			85.87
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			\$11,051.33

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

Balance at last report,	\$837.38
Received from Churches,	3,604.12
" " Sunday-schools,	61.81
" " Young People's Societies,	115.47
" " Individuals for debt,	567.51
" " " " Torrington,	130.00
" " " " Italian work,	120.00
" " " " general work,	152.00
" " Interest,	1,237.07
" for Minutes,	51.19
" for French and Italian Missions,	314.91
" from German Church, Bridgeport, rent,	174.00
" " Torrington mortgage,	1,952.78
" " loans,	1,500.00
" " Colored Church Fund,	150.00
" " C. A. Piddock, for supply,	56.09
" " Insurance repaid,	27.00
	<hr/> \$11,051.33

PAYMENTS.

To Churches,	\$3,929.00
" " income,	664.51
" Secretaries, salary and expenses,	1,788.31
For printing,	289.58
Expenses of Executive Committee,	29.90
Insurance,	69.00
Expenses of Convention,	10.00
Contributions for Torrington,	380.00
Torrington, balance of mortgage loan,	952.78
Paid on loan,	2,475.00
Interest,	339.24
Sundry payments,	38.14
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	85.87
	<hr/> \$11,051.33

LIABILITIES.

Due at last report, current account,	\$1,225.00
" " Torrington loan,	1,500.00
Borrowed during the year,	1,500.00
	<hr/> \$4,225.00
Paid on loans,	2,475.00
Balance of indebtedness, loan from Chapman Fund,	\$750.00
" " Sav. Bk. of N. Brit.,	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$1,750.00

PRINTING ACCOUNT.

Received from Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	\$5.00	
“ “ Woman's Home Missionary Society, .	10.00	
“ “ Education Society,	30.00	
“ “ Ashford Association,	6.19	
“ “ current funds,	238.39	
	<hr/>	\$289.58
Paid W. M. Stone,	36.28	
“ The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., . . .	253.30	
	<hr/>	\$289.58

TORRINGTON ACCOUNT.

Received contributions in 1896,	\$1,184.77	
“ “ 1897,	252.00	
Proceeds of mortgage loan,	1,952.78	
M. N. Griswold mortgage,	1,200.00	
Contributions at dedication,	130.00	
Loan for Torrington,	1,500.00	
From current funds,	363.23	
	<hr/>	\$6,532.78
Paid in 1896,	\$1,500.00	
“ 1897,	1,500.00	
“ “ Griswold note,	1,200.00	
Special contributions,	380.00	
From proceeds of mortgage on church property, .	952.78	
On loan “ “ “ “	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,532.78

PUTNAM CHAPEL FUND FOR COLORED CHURCHES.

Balance at last report,	\$535.25	
Interest added,	11.34	
	<hr/>	\$546.59
Paid on Messiah Church loan,	\$125 00	
Appropriation,	25 00	
	<hr/>	150.00
Balance,		\$396.59

CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

Balance at last report,	\$104.32	
Interest added,	4.20	
	<hr/>	\$108.52

STATEMENT OF FUNDS HELD BY THE CONVENTION,

Income all going to Convention or to various Churches.

C. H. CHAPMAN FUND.

	Cost.	Rate.	Mar. Val.	Inc.
15 shares New Britain National Bank, .	\$2,250	9	\$2,325	\$135.00
2,000 City of Columbus, O., bonds, due 1913,		5		
1,000 City of Duluth, Minn., bonds, due 1910,	3,225	6	3,280	135.00
Loan to Convention,	750	5	750	37.50
Real estate mortgage, Washington Co., Col. (in process of sale),	275		275	
Mortgage note forwarded for collection.				
	\$6,500		\$6,630	\$307.50

C. H. SHELDON FUND.

Real estate mortgage in New Britain, Putnam street,	\$500	5	\$500	\$25.00
Appraised value \$1,000.				

MARTHA ROGERS FUND.

Real estate mortgage, Sioux Co., Neb. (in process of sale),	\$400	6	\$400	
Collateral loan, secured by 2 shares Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co., 18 shares Stanley Rule & Level Co., 52 shares Union Mfg. Co.,	100	5	100	5.00
Mortgage note in course of collection.				
	\$500		\$500	\$5.00

ALMIRA O. CONE FUND.

4,000 City of Columbus, O., bonds,	\$4,300	4½	\$4,224	\$180.00
Real estate mortgage, Day Co., Dakota (in process of sale),	375	6	375	
Real estate mortgage, Greeley Co., Col. (in process of sale),	325	7	375	
	\$5,000		\$4,924	

One-half to Convention.

Income of above Funds which goes to Convention, \$427.50.

DUNHAM FUND.

5 shares Hartford National Bank,	\$500	7	\$650	\$35 00
4,000 City of Duluth bonds, due 1901,	4,000	4½	4,224	160 00
	\$4,500		\$4,874	\$195 00

Income of this Fund goes to Willington, Mansfield, and Andover.

ESTHER N. FRANCIS FUND.

4 shares Farmers and Mechanics Nat'l				
Bank, Hartford,	\$400	6	\$440	\$24.00
Real estate mortgage in New Britain,				
High street,	500	5	500	25 00
	\$900		\$940	\$49.00
Income goes to Wethersfield Church.				

ANN M. MAY FUND.

Note secured by collateral same as Mar-				
tha Rogers Fund,	\$500	5	\$500	\$25.00
Income goes to Wethersfield Church.				

ALFRED FRANCIS FUND.

Real estate mortgage, Wethersfield, .	\$1,100	5	\$1,100	\$55.00
Note secured by collateral same as Mar-				
tha Rogers Fund,	400	5	400	20.00
	\$1,500		\$1,500	\$75.00
Income goes to Wethersfield Church.				

ANNA E. MILLER FUND.

10 shares First National Bank, Stoning-				
ton,	\$1,000	8	\$1,250	\$80.00
Income to Pendleton Hill Church.				

A. E. PHELPS FUND.

Held for account of North Colebrook Church.

Real estate mortgage, Kansas, . . .	\$500	5	\$500	\$30.00
Income to North Colebrook Church.				

SARAH M. FRISBIE FUND.

1,000 Cincinnati, Dayton & Ironton				
R. R. bonds,	\$1,000	5	\$1,080	\$50.00
Income to Asylum Avenue Church, Hartford, Conn.				

Held for account of Rowayton Church.

\$3,000 real estate mortgage, Springfield,				
Mo.,	\$3,250	6		\$195.00
Income to Rowayton Church.				

Original note, \$3,000, sale,				\$3,351.80
New mortgage,				3,250.00
Paid over to apply on interest past due, insurance, etc., .				\$101.80

The Convention also holds the title to the following church property:—New Hartford, German of Bridgeport, Shelton, Winsted, Brookfield, Meriden Swedish, Torrington, West Hartford, Immanuel of Bridgeport, and lot on Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport; and mortgages for \$1,000 on New Britain Swedish Church, \$850 on German of Waterbury, and \$500 on Second Ansonia.

The Convention pays the interest on mortgage of German of Bridgeport, \$165 annually, and on mortgage on Shelton Church, \$90 annually.

Total amount of funds held by the Convention,	\$25,650
Market value of same,	26,648

HARTFORD, CONN., Oct. 15, 1898.

I have this day examined the foregoing statements, footing the various accounts and comparing with entries as they appear in the books of the Treasurer, and find them correct. I have also compared the assets of the Convention of the various accounts, and find in the possession of the Treasurer what they call for.

E. V. PRESTON, *Auditor.*

TO BE ADDED TO TREASURER'S REPORT.

Since the above report was closed the following amounts have been received, making balance in hands of Treasurer \$513.77.

Middletown First, additions,	\$12.00
New Haven churches, for Italian Mission,	60.00
Essex,	47.78
Second Waterbury,	5 00
Clinton,	7.50
New London First,	53.48
“ Huntington Street,	12.00
Preston,	7.16
Willimantic, additional,	2.25
Bristol,	68.00
Rowayton,	12.00
Memorial, Hartford, additional,	13.00
Macedonia, Ansonia,	5.00
Cheshire,	2.00
Waterbury German, on mortgage loan,	50.00
Collections at Convention,	70.73
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	\$427.90

LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Ansonia*, First — Rev. W. D. McKinney and wife, Belle R. Whiting, Chapel Carter.
- Ansonia*, Macedonia — Wm. Johnson.
- Branford* — Rev. Joseph McKean and wife, Mrs. J. S. Moore, Mrs. W. L. Moore, Miss M. L. Barker, Mrs. Henrietta Hubbard.
- Bristol* — Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Lyon, W. S. Hart.
- Brooklyn* — Rev. E. Bennett and wife, Riley B. Witten, Miss Jennie Bowles.
- Bridgeport*, First — Rev. G. W. Nicholson, W. A. Grippin and wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Luther, M. E. Morris.
- Bridgeport*, Immanuel — Rev. and Mrs. Leslie O. Brooks, Jessie E. Shaw, Samuel Vanstane.
- Brideport*, Swedish — Rev. and Mrs. T. Clafford.
- Bridgeport*, Messiah — Rev. W. N. Morton.
- Bridgeport*, East Washington Ave. — Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnes.
- Cheshire* — Robert Davis.
- Clinton* — Rev. R. H. Sherman, Selden Carter, W. H. Kelsey.
- Colchester* — Rev. Frank Day, S. A. Peters.
- Cromwell* — Rev. W. V. Gray, E. T. Johnson.
- Danbury*, Second — Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D D.
- Danielson* — Rev. and Mrs. B. U. Hatfield, Alice Bolles.
- Deep River* — Rev. Geo. H. Gardner, Dea. Kingsley.
- Eastford* — Rev. T. P. Briggs.
- East Haddam* — Rev. Jabez Marshall.
- Essex* — Rev. W. P. Chipman, E. C. William, Abbie Laplace, Emily J. Platt.
- East Lyme* — Rev. H. E. Martin.
- East Cornwall* — Rev. Chas. Owens.
- Groton*, First — Rev. A. J. Chandler.
- Groton Heights* — Rev. E. T. Miller, Mrs. M. A. Stein, H. A. Edgecomb.
- Hartford*, Asylum Avenue — Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Albert Gray, J. L. Denison, R. M. Burdick, Homer Hastings, R. M. Burr, Rev. C. A. Piddock.
- Hartford*, First — Mr. E. B. Boynton.
- Hartford*, Memorial — Rev. H. M. Thompson and wife, H. H. Dickinson, Mrs. C. C. Purrinton.
- Hartford*, Olivet — Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Connell, P. B. Turner.
- Hartford*, South — Rev. Frank Dixon, E. B. Squires, Mrs. C. A. Gilbert, Mrs. J. Eadie, Mrs. E. Northam, John Grinnell, Mrs. S. L. Ather-ton, Mrs. Wm. Augur, Miss Lillie B. Howe.
- Hartford*, Swede — Rev. Nils Ek, G. A. Johnson.
- Hartford*, Union — Rev. J. M. Anderson, J. O. Taylor.
- Haddam* — Rev. W. A. Bronson.

- Jewett City* — Rev. John W. Payne, James B. Palmer, Jr., John D. Eccleston, Eunice M. Reynolds.
- Lyme* — Rev. J. R. Very, Eugene Caulkins.
- Mansfield* — Rev. Leonard Smith, L. J. Storrs, Mrs. Wm. Gardiner.
- Meriden, First* — Rev. W. G. Fennell, J. Wilson Smith, Edward Miller, John Ives, S. J. Hall, Lewis Hall, Geo. L. Wilmot, A. J. Wright, Linus Birdsey.
- Meriden, Main Street* — Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Husted.
- Meriden, German* — Rev. Emil Berger, Mrs. M. Stocker, Mrs. A. Stockberger.
- Meriden, Swede* — Rev. W. Kohler.
- Middletown* — Rev. R. Maplesdon and wife, Mrs. S. C. Stevens, Mrs. Fannie R. Ely, Mrs. Augustus Guild, Mrs. I. B. Lincoln, J. D. Sibley.
- Milford* — Rev. E. T. Irwin.
- New Haven, First* — Rev. Addison Moore, C. Ceretta, Mrs. E. A. Howell, Mrs. G. H. Smith, H. M. Cox, Mrs. J. L. Sheppard.
- New Haven, Calvary* — Rev. E. M. Poteat, Mrs. F. R. Bliss, Mrs. R. W. Mills, Miss Susan Alling, Dr. E. J. Walker, Giles Potter.
- New Haven, German* — Rev. F. W. C. Meyer.
- New Haven, Grand Ave.* — Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Sage, Mrs. S. W. Hammond, Mrs. Wm. Sheffield, Miss Eva Jacobs, Mrs. Fred Williams, Mrs. Geo. Loveland.
- New Haven, Hope* — Rev. Joseph A. Elder, George H. Priest, Mrs. E. N. Alling.
- New Haven, Howard Ave.* — Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Stoddard, Mrs. W. H. Elkins.
- New Haven, Olivet* — Rev. A. K. Foster, L. B. Brown and wife, A. M. Torbett.
- New Haven, Swede* — Rev. G. W. Erickson.
- New London, First* — Rev. and Mrs. F. G. McKeever, James Newcome, Chas. A. Benjamin, S. R. Chappell, R. W. Mansfield, Mrs. M. C. Waterman.
- New London, Huntington St.*, — Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Mrs. H. G. Holmes, Mrs. Ellen Penhollow, S. D. Harris, L. R. Harris.
- Niantic* — Rev. L. W. Frink, W. H. Morris, James R. White, John W. Luce.
- New Britain, First* — Rev. J. H. Strong, W. F. Walker, John Coats, I. H. White.
- New Britain, German* — Rev. Herman Von Beige, Mrs. E. G. Litsch.
- New Britain, Swede* — Rev. Wilh. Johanson.
- New Canaan* — Rev. J. B. Rittgers.
- Noank* — Rev. W. C. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer, W. A. Fraser, James Sistare, Freeman Ashbey.
- North Lyme* — Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Ward, Mrs. G. H. Storey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sisson.
- New Milford* — Rev. and Mrs. C. I. Ramsey, Bessie Baldwin.
- Norwich, Central* — Rev. J. D. Herr, B. G. Smith, Fred Cranston.

- Norwich*, First — Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Wise, Mrs. James Peale.
Norwich, Third — Rev. G. Carlyle Sauer.
Norwalk — Rev. F. E. Robbins, Mrs. Chas. Yost, Mrs. M. W. Silliman,
Miss Ida Crowther, Miss Abbie Tuttle.
Old Mystic — Rev. D. W. Phelps, Miss Susan Babcock.
Mystic, Union — Rev. and Mrs. Archibald Wheaton, Robert T. Milford,
Wm. H. Smith, E. Y. Wilcox, Helen F. Melbar.
Packerville — Rev. A. A. Robinson, Walter Truesdale, Chas. E. Hopkins.
Plainville — Rev. J. C. Duncanson, Mrs. A. N. Condell.
Plantville — Rev. C. A. Johnson, R. W. Cowles, Walter Pratt.
Poquonock Bridge — Rev. N. T. Allen.
Putnam — Rev. A. W. Hand, J. W. Manning, Mrs. J. B. Kent, Mr. and
Mrs. G. M. Morse.
Quaker Hill — Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Hyde.
Salem — Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Cranston.
Rockville — Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Wedge, Leander Bosely.
Rowayton — Rev. C. H. Hands, William Stevens.
Saybrook — Rev. E. B. Elmer.
Shelton — Rev. and Mrs. F. D. Luddington, Elsie Burr.
South Norwalk — Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Sherwood, Chas. A. Haviland.
South Windsor — Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Curtis, C. Z. Parmlee, Mrs. H. E.
Parmlee.
Stanford — Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Braker, Rev. Pasquale DeCarlo, Mrs. J.
B. Hoyt, Wm. N. Demarest and wife.
Stepney — Rev. F. P. Braman, Andrew B. Curtis, Mrs. Burr Hawley,
Jerome Nichols.
Stonington, First — Rev. Henry Clarke, Mrs. C. E. Ryan, Jennie L.
Gates, Mrs. W. G. King.
Stonington, North — Mrs. D. F. Chapman.
Southington — Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Breaker, Mrs. Charles Caldwell, Peter
Hutton.
Suffield, First — Rev. H. Linsley, F. E. Hastings, Mrs. J. L. Rising, Jud-
son Rising.
Suffield, Second — Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Smith, Mrs. N. N. King, Principal
H. L. Thompson, D. D. Bement.
Tariffville — Julia A. Noble.
Torrington — Rev. P. S. Evans, C. H. Parker.
Thompson Center — Rev. H. J. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Morse.
Sterling — Rev. Justus Aldrich, J. S. Jones, E. Freeman.
Union, Plainfield — Rev. J. P. Brown, Miss Annie Hill.
Voluntown — Rev. and Mrs. E. Dewhurst.
Wallingford — Rev. James A. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wetmore, C. F.
Wooding.
Warrenville — Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Chappell, David Matthewson and wife.
Wethersfield — Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Elsdon.
Willimantic — Rev. J. B. Lemon and wife, Dr. E. G. Sumner and wife,
Mrs. James Harris, Edwin Bugbee.

White Hills — Rev. N. B. Prindle.

Winsted — Rev. F. H. Gates, Mrs. E. A. Nellis, E. R. Winans.

Waterbury — Rev. F. J. Parry, D. L. Smith, Wm. O'Neil, J. H. Tripp,
James Stuart.

Waterbury, Second — Rev. C. C. Smith, Frank Potter.

Waterbury, German — Rev. C. A. Schlipf.

Waterbury — Swede — Rev. J. N. Vidberg.

Waterford — Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Wolf, Mrs. I. C. Gardner, Annie Payne,
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Manwarring, Mrs. John L. Payne.

Woodstock, West — Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Atherton.

Woodstock, South — Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Bamberg.

Willington — Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Brown, Mrs. Annie A. Preston, Mrs.
Legrand Johnson, Rose Hall.

Yalesville — Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Perkins, James McKensie.

Churches, 109 ; delegates, 333.

BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTER.

Ashford Association.

TOWNS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.
Andover.....	Mary H. Brown.....	J. Vera Stearns.
Brooklyn.....	Frank Chapman.....	Alice Sweet.
Danielson.....	H. C. Warren	H. E. Burton.
Eastford.....	S. C. Simmons.....	Mrs. S. D. Simmons.
Mansfield.....	Frank N. Slate.....	Mabel Slate.
Putnam.....	F. A. Hopkins.....	Charlotte A. Hopkins.
Stafford.....	Jarvis Hyde.....	Mrs. E. E. Warren.
Thompson Center.....	John D. Converse.....	Bertha E. Ballard.
Thompson East.....	Arod Ormsbee.....	Jennie L. Ormsbee.
Warrenville.....	Z. B. Bicknell.....	Mrs. R. H. Wright.
Westford.....	A. G. Barlow.....	Mrs. M. Davis.
Willimantic.....	Fayette Goss.....	Arthur N. Potter.
Willington.....	Charles H. Brown.....	Daisy H. Dimock.
" South.....	Wm. H. Brackett.....	Hester Hall.
Woodstock.....	Henry Richmond.....	A. F. Clarke.
" South.....	Arthur Williams.....	Alice Low.

Fairfield Association.

Bridgeport, First.....	J. Harry Crossley.....	Burpee E. Shaw.
" German.....	Henri Gelan.....	Charles Wolf, Jr.
" Immanuel.....	Hartley Williams.....	Miss Hattie Johnson.
" Messiah.....	B. R. Chandler.....	Vincent Washington.
" Swede.....	S. Swanson.....	H. Nilson.
" E. Wash. av.....	Frank G. Finney.....	Annie L. Manson.
Danbury.....	Chas. R. Helin.....	Irving I. Andrews.
Easton.....	John L. Tyler.....	G. Burr Tucker.
New Canaan.....	Rev. J. B. Rittgers.....	Miss Katie Henry.
New Milford.....	W. C. Hine.....	W. C. Hine.
Norwalk, First.....	Herman Fancher.....	Fanton Beers.
" Calvary.....	H. W. White.....	Mary Schofield.
Rowayton.....	Wm. Stevens.....	D. W. Ferris.
South Norwalk.....	J. W. Bogardus.....	Irving Finch.
E. Norwalk Branch.....	Calvin Smith.....	Elizabeth Smith.
Stamford.....	J. W. Davis.....	C. B. Lownsbury.
Stamford, Union.....	Robert Dosnell.....	Miss W. Tate.
Stepney.....	Eugene H. Botsford.....	Blanche Purdy.
Stratfield.....	H. W. Wilson.....	Julian B. Wilson.
Stratford.....	Thomas Jefferson.....	E. Williams.
White Hills.....	Fred Drew.....	Mrs. Eugene Werder.

Hartford Association.

Bantam.....	Edgar F. Wedge.....	Miss Lillie Baldwin.
Bloomfield.....	E. C. Henn.....	F. W. Griswold.
Bristol.....	W. R. Strong.....	Clara Hall.
Colebrook, North.....	Mrs. O. W. Oles.....	Mrs. E. C. Bunnell.
“ South.....	J. A. Moore.....	Grove Deming.
Cornwall, East.....	R. F. Thompson.....	
“ Hollow.....	L. M. Ocain.....	Carrie B. Bowman.
Hartford, Asylum Ave....	Chas. Edw. Prior	Lyman Hathaway.
“ First	E. B. Boynton.....	W. D. Johnson.
“ Memorial.....	H. N. Dickinson....	Charles W. Even.
“ Olivet.....	Guy B. Turner.....	F. A. Gould.
“ South.....	Rev. Frank Dixon.....	Geo. M. Smith.
“ Union.....		
“ Shiloh.....	E. R. Jones.....	Sadie Jones.
“ Swede.....	Rev. Nils Ek.....	
New Britain, First.....	L. S. Johnson.....	Horace W. Eddy.
“ German	Christian Erb.....	Karl Bellmann.
“ Swede.....	A. G. Sundling.....	Renhold Hultman.
New Hartford.....	James E. Stanley.....	Mrs. Minnie Tuttle.
Plainville....	Mr. C. H. Bronson.....	Miss Jessie Goodrich.
Rockville.....	A. P. Wedge.....	L. B. Denley.
South Windsor	W. B. Parmelee.....	Nellie M. Treat.
Suffield, First.....	Vivian Linsley	Judson Rising.
“ Second	F. B. Hathaway.....	Bessie Y. Fuller.
Tariffville.....	Wm. H. Pease.....	Charles Bartlett.
Torrington.....	Charles H. Parker.....	Gertrude Darby.
West Hartford....	Frank Hall.....	Edward Adams.
Wethersfield.....	C. T. Eccleston.....	Miss Fannie Howard.
Winsted.....	F. W. Marsh.....	Anna E. Norton.

New Haven Association.

Ansonia, First.....	B. F. Leach.....	H. G. Fosdick.
“ Macedonia....	J. W. Lewis.....	Charles Mayo.
Branford.....	E. C. Johnson.....	J. E. Rogers.
Chester.....	S. E. Ackley.....	A. L. Osborne.
Clinton....	E. R. Bacon.....	W. H. Kelsey, 2d.
Cromwell.....	E. T. Johnson.....	Miss Helen Stevens.
Deep River.....	O. H. Glover.....	Nelson Mather.
Essex.....	L. T. Parker.....	C. C. Waterhouse.
Haddam.....	W. A. Bronson.....	Mrs. S. S. Gilbert.
Meriden, First.....	F. L. Huntington.....	L. H. Perkins.
“ Park Ave.....	Robert Daybill.....	John Whitmore.
“ Olive Branch....	A. J. Wright.....	E. M. Ives.
“ German.....	W. Haigis.....	A. Stockburger.
“ Main Street....	A. H. Gardner.....	R. E. Mills.
“ Swede.....	D. Dahl.....	

Middletown.....	E. Burton Fall.....	G. L. Hayes.
Montowese.....	A. S. Barnes.....	Miss F. M. Barnes.
New Haven, Calvary....	Henry H. Taylor.....	Aro J. Ward.
“	First.....	Pierce N. Welch..... Frank Bunnell.
“	German.....	Wm. Schlessler..... Edw. Rungee.
“	Grand Ave.....	C. D. Manwaring..... S. J. Latta.
“	Hope.....	T. D. Jenkins..... A. H. Buckingham.
“	Howard Ave.....	D. W. Stoddard..... Nellie M. Spear.
“	Immanuel.....	Rev. A. C. Powell..... Bert Mitchell.
“	Olivet.....	Edwin Sweet..... Herman Berg.
“	Swede.....	John A. Lundin..... G. W. Erickson.
Plantsville.....	Walter Pratt.....	Ada S. Frisbee.
Seymour, German.....	Gotf. Hildebrant	
Shelton.....	F. D. Luddington.....	Alice Rounds.
Southington.....	Rev. J. C. Breaker.....	Levi E. Southworth.
Wallingford.....	C. H. Brown.....	F. Raymond Ives.
Waterbury, First.....	D. L. Smith.....	Louis Pichard.
“	German.....	Carl Weiss..... Mary Scheck.
“	Second.....	R. G. Snagg..... Mrs. W. F. Bronneke.
Winthrop.....	Mrs. E. B. Elmer.....	Edgar G. Weed.
Yalesville.....	E. S. May.....	W. T. McKensie.

New London Association.

Bozrah.....	Lewis Ford.....	Grace J. Ford.
Colchester.....	E. R. Sherman.....	Deborah Strong.
Fitchville.....	W. Robinson, Jr.....	Mrs. Jennie Phillips.
Haddam, East.....	Sidney S. Carter.....	Ida Stark.
Lake's Pond.....	Gurdon C. Avery.....	Nellie Dart.
Lebanon.....	N. C. Barker.....	Arthur Carpenter.
Lyme, East.....	H. E. Martin.....	Etta Gardiner.
“	North.....	C. S. Jewett..... Miss M. L. Wood.
“	Old.....	E. D. Caulkins..... Edward Congdon.
Montville.....	M. V. B. Brainard.....	Miss Grace Bogue.
New London, First.....	Henry D. Stanton.....	J. R. Latham.
“	Hunt'g'n st.....	E. L. Whiter..... Edith Beebe.
“	Shiloh.....	F. D. Randell..... N. S. Jones.
Niantic.....	John W. Luce.....	Grace Rook.
Norwich, Central.....	C. Edw. Smith.....	R. R. Wilcox.
“	First.....	W. R. Cowan, Jr..... Mrs. H. R. Sargent.
“	Mt. Calvary.....	P. T. Young..... Idella Scott.
“	Third.....	Henry Anderson..... Ada B. Richmond.
Quaker Hill.....	L. A. Comstock.....	Jennie Comstock.
Salem.....	J. S. Cranston.....	Mrs. F. Rathbone.
Scott Hill.....	Merritt Austin.....	Orrin M. Price.
Waterford.....	C. H. Peabody.....	Park B. Smith.

Stonington Union Association.

Groton Center.....	Geo. M. Daboll.....	H. B. Chapman.
" First.....	Simeon Gallup.....	Clara C. Bennett.
" Heights.....	David Bosworth.....	Catharine Watrous.
Jewett City.....	Fred. S. Campbell.....	James B. Palmer, Jr.
Laurel Glen.....	Howard Martin.....	Oceanus B. Main.
Lantern Hill.....	Hattie B. Main.....	Julius E. Main.
Mystic Union.....	Wm. H. Smith.....	Alden Fish
Noank.....	Robert Palmer.....	C. M. Chester.
N. Stonington, First.....	Elmer Coon.....	Sarah T. Palmer.
" Second.....	H. F. York.....	Mrs. L. A. Burdick.
" Third.....	Wm. H. Hillard.....	T. W. Wheeler.
Packerville.....	James Butler.....	Miss M. B. Hopkins.
Plainfield Union.....	Alvah Pierce.....	Moen Mott.
Poquonock Bridge.....	Cyrus Avery.....	Mrs. M. Buddington.
Preston City.....	Thomas P. Norman.....	Fannie F. Fitch.
Quiambaug.....	J. H. Wilcox.....	J. H. Wilcox.
Sterling.....	S. P. Green.....	Albert Stanton.
Stonington, First.....	Erastus D. Smith.....	Mrs. Grace C. Clarke.
" Third.....	Benj. F. Ross.....	Mrs. Mary E. Bunyon.
Voluntown.....	Rev. E. Dewhurst.....	Julia A. Fish.



STATISTICS
OF
CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

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CHURCHES IN ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerk.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.			PRESENT CONDITION.		SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		Value Church Property Free of Debt.								
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experi- ence.	Restora- tion.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclu- sion.	Death.	Gain.		Loss.	Total En- rolled.	Men.	W'm.	Total En- rolled.	Men.	W'm.	Added to Church.
Andover,.....	1826	J. F. Coors,	'97 Edgar D. White,...	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	51	11	23	...	...	...	\$2,000
Brooklyn,.....	1826	Edwin Bennett,	'88 Theodore D. Pond,	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	121	30	43	...	...	...	7,500
Danvers,.....	1874	Byron U. Hatfield,	'96 K. A. Darbie,.....	4	1	...	...	6	...	...	4	...	...	215	35	90	...	...	...	12,000
Eastford,.....	1794	T. P. Briggs,	'94 A. T. Allen,.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	30	...	...	...	...	3,600
Hansfield,.....	1809	Leonard Smith,	'93 L. J. Storrs,.....	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	408	91	171	...	...	...	4,100
Princeton,.....	1847	A. W. Hand,	'97 Louis E. Law,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103	25	43	...	...	...	23,235
Stoughton,.....	1809	F. L. Batchelder,	'96 Wm. J. Thresher,	9	2	1	53	15	25	2,700
Stoughton, Center,.....	1846	Harwell J. Bartlett,	'98 Stephen Ballard,...	2	2	4	2	30	13	17	2,500
Thompson, East,.....	1846	Samuel Thatcher,	'94 A. T. Bixby,.....	4	72	24	30	3,900
Warrenville,.....	1848	G. C. Chappell,	'94 Z. G. Bicknell,...	2	2	42	24	30	2,500
Westford,.....	1884	T. P. Briggs,	'97 A. G. Barlow,.....	2	2	...	...	10	3	...	...	...	...	40	11	18	...	...	...	3,600
Willimantic,.....	1838	Bunyan Lemon,	'91 W. N. Potter,.....	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	431	94	191	...	...	...	26,000
Willimantic, West,.....	1838	W. L. Brown,	'90 LeGrand Johnson,	2	17	85	15	40	2,000
Woodstock, West,.....	1786	W. L. Atherton,	'97 Jude P. Gage,.....	7	2	6	65	15	31	3,500
Woodstock, South,.....	1794	L. J. Bamberg,	'97 Arthur Williams,...	7	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	19	23	...	...	...	4,000
Totals, Churches, 15	..	Pastors,.....14	.....	34	12	6	...	30	4	...	48	...	27	1,895	436	807	1,205	592	35	\$115,775
Totals, 1897, Churches, 15	....	Pastors,.....14	.....	47	27	...	1	23	6	1	34	13	...	1,919	447	844	1,549	693	42	\$114,075

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money raised for all Pur- poses.	
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benev- olence.	Bible and Pub'l'n Society.	Ministe- rial Edu- cation.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.		S. School Benev- olence.
Andover.....	\$426.00		\$6.25	\$5.00	\$14.50	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$13.00	..	\$5.00	\$1.00		\$7.61	\$96.75
Brooklyn.....	688.00	\$16.67	5.50	5.00	8.31	\$5.00	73.26	61.06	6.00	..	24.81	\$14.00	\$7.61	763.69
Danialson.....	1,981.00		33.32	36.05	44.77	73.26						20.42		309.63
Eastford.....	441.11		16.35	10.00	9.00	32.96	30.00	10.00	6.00	5.00		9.00	16.45	447.36
Mansfield.....	500.30	16.48	6.10	3.35	2.30	32.96	30.00	10.00	\$41.98	15.20	50.00	90.17	61.50	96.09
Putnam.....	2,057.05	92.56	181.53	65.08	1,164.40	30.00	123.00	51.00				80.17		612.87
Stafford.....	90.00	39.17	6.10	12.00	16.00	14.75	19.00	10.00				1.00	5.00	1,948.81
Thompson, Center.....	1,304.00	42.00	7.35	15.70	11.75	18.22	26.00	4.50		7.30		1.00		85.75
Thompson, East.....	277.50		7.20	.....	.....	9.70	5.50	14.25		2.00		9.40		90.82
Warrenton.....	175.89	8.45	5.00	2.50	2.50	9.70	5.50	14.25		2.00		9.40		7.00
Westford.....	2,596.11	122.09	28.64	45.96	41.96	53.00	37.00	53.04		6.80	36.00	17.00	16.20	48.05
Williamette.....	631.18	8.32	10.00	.....	5.00	5.50	11.00	.....	12.43	.....		4.00		15.50
Woodcock, West.....	558.00	20.46	.....	.....	.....	8.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....		19.89		895.60
Woodstock, South.....	516.00	23.04	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	7.12	2.00	.....	\$6.00	11.94	703.29
Totals.....	\$12,890.94	\$433.40	\$317.14	\$205.04	\$1,345.19	\$900.39	\$322.56	\$161.79	\$64.45	\$43.30	\$111.81	\$201.55	\$127.85	\$3,199.64
Totals, 1897.....	\$12,312.00	\$551.71	\$390.57	\$299.99	\$564.91	\$156.17	\$258.47	\$136.70	\$114.75	\$103.51	\$173.87	\$140.87	\$126.79	\$2,584.32

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			PRESENT CONDITION.			SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		Value Church Property Free of Debt.			
				Baptism.	Letter.	Exhorta- tion.	Restora- tion.	Letters.	Transfe- re.	Exclu- sion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total En- rolled.		Res. Membs. Men. W'm.	Total Attend- ance.	Enrolled.	Average
Bridgeport, First,	1827	Geo. W. Nicholson,	'94 Geo. H. Noble,.....	25	18	8	0	18	.....	.....	9	94	.....	546	*152	*304	430	\$92,500
" German,.....	1888	H. E. Dietz,	'98 C. Bossert,.....	17	3	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	1	15	.....	94	15	30	13	8,000
" Immanuel,.....	1889	Leslie O. Brooks,	'98 J. W. Oddie,.....	34	5	3	.....	1	6	.....	1	30	.....	94	30	11	18	8,000
" Messiah,.....	1888	W. N. Morton,	'93 Fred. A. Stevens,...	3	10	4	3	20	10	22	3	2	.....	83	95	186	18	7,000
" Swedish,.....	1882	T. Clifford,	'98 T. A. Chellstrom,...	3	10	1	.....	8	20	10	22	3	.....	153	50	100	45	6,000
" E. Wash. Ave.,...	1874	Geo. D. Reid,	'90 J. Franklin Cox,...	10	12	1	.....	12	18	.....	5	14	.....	266	*75	*150	249	15,000
Danbury, Second,	1790	A. C. Hubbard, D.D.,	'98 Matthew L. Barber,	30	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5	.....	4	538	*150	290	108,000
East Canaan,.....	1831	W. M. Weeks,	'94 C. S. Everett,.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	87	21	42	62	4,600
East Canaan,.....	1833	B. Rutgers,	'96 Theo. Fenwick,.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	4	16	28	42	2,185
New Milford,.....	1817	Charles Ramsay,	'98 S. Cook,.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	74	24	50	88	2,000
Norwalk, Calvary,.....	1897	A. F. Johnson,	'98 L. W. White,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	18	12	22	12	.....
" First,.....	1837	.....	'98 L. H. Cannon,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	.....	334	*90	*180	141	12,000
Rowayton,.....	1859	C. H. Hands,	'98 E. H. Every,.....	9	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	382	29	60	84	4,100
South Norwalk,.....	1859	.....	'98 H. M. Provitt,.....	12	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	318	100	200	155	40,000
Stamford,.....	1773	George Braker,	'98 Edward M. Prior,...	6	6	.....	.....	10	.....	13	3	14	.....	419	105	130	11	60,000
" Union,.....	1888	Wm. Harris,	'95 G. W. Daswell,.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	46	19	33	40	3,000
Stepney,.....	1846	F. P. Braman,	'96 Burr Hawley,.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	115	*25	*70	85	4,900
Stratfield,.....	1751	H. W. Wilson,	'93 Isaac B. Wilson,...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	*15	*25	84	9,000
Stratford,.....	1778	Moses Taylor,	'94 Hannah B. Johnson,	.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	40	20	20	25	3,000
White Hills,.....	1838	N. B. Prindle,	'98 Geo. W. Drew,.....	3	3	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	44	*15	*38	50	2,000
Totals, Churches, 20.....		Pastors,.....18		167	84	22	5	77	63	45	36	52	.....	3,335	1,048	1,735	2,236	\$393,185
Tot'ts, 1897, Churches, 20.....		Pastors,.....19		166	74	19	8	86	70	36	41	31	.....	3,335	.....	.....	2,512	\$350,125

* Estimated.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money raised for all Pur- poses.					
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Home Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Young People's Society.	Bible and Publ'n Society.	Ministe- r cation.		Min's and Wid. P'd. and H'me.	Support of Church of Poor.	Other Objects.	S. School Benevo- lence.	Total Benevo- lence.
Bridgeport, First.....	\$5,746.76	\$293.36	\$250.00	\$257.43	\$251.07	\$120.32	\$130.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$75.50	\$86.75	\$229.44	\$375.49	\$183.14	\$1,739.07	\$7,839.69
German,.....	*1313.54	*40.31	.....	10.00	3.50	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	8.00	23.00	30.29	.....	71.79	437.44
" Immanuel,.....	1,059.98	31.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.00	25.60	2 65	48.25	1,138.23
" Messiah,.....	1,245.55	41.00	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.00	57.50	.....	88.50	1,472.05
" Swedish,.....	1,550.00	85.80	25.00	13.00	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	\$128.52	.....	.....	.....	25.00	49.60	.....	334.12	1,970.01
" E Wash. Ave.,.....	1,506.00	150.00	33.24	29.12	47.94	23.00	25.00	.....	.....	22.38	.....	30.30	5.94	18.44	33.33	30.00	229.09	2,285.69
Danbury, Second,.....	6,635.00	900.00	41.00	36.00	41.00	23.00	25.00	.....	.....	16.00	.....	7.00	10.00	50.00	21.35	.....	270.35	7,205.35
Easton,.....	605.00	13.75	5.50	4.25	6.50	9.25	9.25	.....	.....	10.50	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	3.00	51.35	770.00
New Canaan,.....	701.50	.....	.....	2.50	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	701.50
New Milford,.....	697.43	40.72	15.00	.....	.....	23.50	30.64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	.....	1 00	9.50	88.64	826.79
Norwalk, Calvary,.....	*500.00	*5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	505.00
" ".....	*2,275.00	*127.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94.00	2,496.00
Norwalk, First,.....	640.37	47.31	.....	10.00	10.00	64.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.35	17.25	.....	.....	24.60	89.23	776.91
Rowayton,.....	3,439.86	173.59	28.36	6.35	13.73	17.74	73.26	.....	.....	50.00	.....	8.08	10.50	78.10	85.07	69.54	511.08	4,129.53
South Norwalk,.....	4,327.00	29.77	30.00	58.17	83.23	82.00	230.98	.....	.....	53.63	30.03	30.00	18.00	268.05	459.35	75.43	1,447.75	6,506.22
Stamford,.....	837.00	36.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	366.00
Union,.....	884.50	.....	10.00	17.80	10.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.35	7.50	7.50	7.50	5.00	.....	37.35	100.75	985.25
Storrey,.....	802.00	67.98	.....	11.00	11.00	7.02	13.70	.....	.....	33.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87.19	957.17
Stratfield,.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00
Stratford,.....	600.00	16.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	631.00
White Hills,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	\$34,897.96	\$1,730.58	\$458.10	\$468.21	\$543.98	\$494.83	\$512.49	\$286.41	\$72.09	\$153.80	\$153.94	\$769.13	\$1,130.58	\$985.20	\$5,355.76	\$41,944.33		
Last Year,.....	\$38,623.78	\$2,161.17	\$1,279.71	\$822.92	\$849.04	\$401.65	\$504.27	\$308.00	\$119.96	\$239.76	\$140.64	\$842.65	\$1,134.56	\$251.73	\$9,069.84	\$47,850.09		

* Last year's report.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			PRESENT CONDITION.			SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		Value Church Property Free of Debt.	
				Baptism.	Letter.	Expert- ence.	Restora- tion.	Letter.	Exclu- sion.	Death.	Gain.	Total En- rolled.	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.		
Barnum.....	1850	Charles Owens,	'98 Edgar F. Wedge.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	54	8	16	\$2,500
Bloomfield.....	1786	F. W. Griswold.	'94 F. W. Russell.	7	14	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	26	10	39	6,000
Bristol.....	1791	J. S. Lyon,	'94 O. W. Oles.	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	432	126	262	25,000
Colebrook, North.....	1794	.....	John A. Moore.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000
" " South.....	1848	.....	John A. Moore.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000
Cornwall, East.....	1843	C. L. Owens,	'98 R. H. Tibbals.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000
" " Hollow.....	1843	C. L. Owens,	'98 Ernest H. Ocanin.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000
Hartford, Asylum Ave.,	1872	G. M. Stone, D.D.,	'73 D. G. Smythe.	4	15	4	.....	6	4	.....	.....	271	87	146	176
" " First.....	1790	Harold Patison,	'86 C. F. Gladding.	37	23	1	.....	1	11	17	23	648	135	383	925
" " Memorial.....	1864	H. B. Thompson,	'88 A. O. Dole.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40,000
" " North.....	1864	R. C. Connel,	'91 G. B. Turner.	5	19	1	4	3	.....	.....	.....	73	23	42	114
" " South.....	1890	G. W. Tyler,	'91 J. S. Taylor.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3	6	.....	139	30	50	45
" " Sweden.....	1894	Frank Dixon,	'93 Oliver H. Ham.	5	1	6	.....	13	6	.....	.....	545	173	205	300
" " Sweden.....	1888	Nils Ek,	'93 Edward Ericson.	2	13	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	98	21	37	12
" " Union.....	1878	.....	'97 W. F. Walker.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65,000
New Britain, First.....	1808	J. H. Strong,	'97 W. F. Walker.	15	7	3	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	476	128	254	13
" " German.....	1863	Herman von Berge,	'97 A. F. Elchstaedt.	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000
" " Sweden.....	1832	Wilhelm Johanson,	'97 Edward Peterson.	22	6	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000
New Hartford.....	1859	Chas. N. Nichols,	'96 James E. Stanley.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,500
Plainville.....	1852	J. C. Duncanson,	'98 A. H. Condel.	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,800
Rainbow.....	1875	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rockville.....	1883	A. P. Wedge,	'95 Levi Leonard.	12	3	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,000
South Windsor.....	1831	L. B. Curtis,	'95 Henry Holman.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000
Soufield.....	1799	Harvey Lineley,	'96 E. H. Hastings.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000
" " Second.....	1805	.....	W. H. Smith.	1	3	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29,500
Tariffville.....	1833	.....	J. A. Allison.	5	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000
Torrington.....	1806	P. S. Evans,	'96 Mrs. Mary S. Parker.	8	12	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000
West Hartford.....	1857	W. J. Noble,	'98 C. A. Milhard.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000
Wethersfield.....	1782	W. P. Elsdon,	'97 Chas. P. Eccleston.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000
Winsted.....	1890	F. H. Gates,	'98 Miss Mary O. Beach.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000
Totals.....	157	157	25	13	119	34	18	75	105	4,787	2,459	3,791	\$74,450
Last Year.....	218	156	19	9	130	60	24	60	128	4,696	2,412	3,173	\$88,624

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Loss.	PRESENT CONDITION.			SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		Value Church and Prop- erty Free of Debt.			
				Baptism.	Letter.	Excom- muni- cation.	Letter.	Treasure.	Excom- muni- cation.		Death.	Gain.	Total Enroll- ed.	Res. Membs.	W'n.		Total Enroll- ed.	Average Attend- ance.	
Ansonia, First.....	1873	W. D. McKinney.	'84 W. H. Fielding.	2	2	.....	10	.....	.....	8	406	148	206	275	298	\$21,000
" " Macedonia.....	1880	E. Johnson.	'97 W. E. Beach.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	109	46	68	130	75	4,500
Brantford.....	1888	Joseph McKean.	'97 W. E. Beach.	3	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	155	53	71	123	72	8,000
Cheshire.....	1894	R. A. Nichols.	'96 Harriet M. Childsey.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	6	12	90	15	9,000
Chester Cottonville.....	1892	H. M. Ives.	'96 H. E. Williams.	4	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	47	80	157	73	13,500
Croftville.....	1893	W. J. Gray.	'93 A. H. Stevens.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132	28	58	152	.....	6,500
Deep River.....	1898	Geo. H. Gray.	'97 A. Boardman.	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	128	58	152	62	6,500
Essex.....	1811	W. P. Chalmers.	'96 O. H. Glover.	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	225	182	143	165	98	12,000
Haddam.....	1822	W. A. Bronson.	'92 E. C. Williams.	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	56	116	135	78	11,000
" " Second.....	1822	W. A. Bronson.	Suppley, Mrs. S. Gilbert.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	278	190	.....	.....	.....	20,000
Mertland, First.....	1876	W. G. Fennell.	'92 F. S. Hubbard.	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	572	278	190	.....	4	5,000
" " German.....	1873	Emil Berger.	John Gunther.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	104	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000
" " Main Street.....	1861	E. W. Husted.	'91 Chas. D. Leach.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	32	50	48	39	5,500
Middletown.....	1783	William Kohler.	'86 C. H. Benziger.	13	9	3	1	82	32	50	48	39	7	18,300		
Milford.....	1829	Raymond Maplesden.	'82 E. T. Irwin.	9	1	4	42	12	314	180	7	18,300		
Montwese.....	1811	G. B. Cutten.	'97 J. L. Larkins.	8	2	76	12	93	500	7,500		
New Haven, Calvary.....	1871	Adison Moore.	'97 Leslie Monthrop.	28	16	4	2	76	12	93	500	7,500		
" " First.....	1869	F. W. C. Meyer.	'97 S. C. Whitney.	23	7	21	9	1	7	840	275	455	861	463	28	110,000		
" " Grand Ave.....	1871	E. C. Sage.	'88 Frederick Ingold.	8	11	649	269	380	239	165	8	91,000		
" " Hope.....	1860	J. A. Elder.	'99 R. F. Green.	1	3	2	4	200	88	112	104	80	5	20,000		
" " Immanuel.....	1891	D. W. Stoddard.	'93 Lyla M. Scranton.	17	18	8	139	33	178	190	128	2	15,000		
" " Olivet.....	1894	Alynn K. Foster.	'97 Albert Newman.	47	18	2	19	6	3	147	52	95	136	87	10	4,000		
" " Swede.....	1882	'96 Charles L. King.	12	10	2	38	225	80	145	113	78	17,000		
Plantsville.....	1872	C. A. Johnson.	'95 Ed. Erickson.	5	32	300	176	4	5,000		
Saybrook (Watrop P. O.).....	1874	E. B. Elmer.	'98 J. Bond.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	16	32	80	25	2,700
Seymour, German.....	1868	.....	'95 G. K. Hull.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124	29	62	113	61	8,500
Shelton.....	1883	F. D. Luddington.	L. Hoffman.	7	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94	10	.....	10	.....	4,300
Southington.....	1788	J. C. Beaker.	'96 James L. Glover.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124	29	68	160	71	11,000
Wallingford.....	1861	James A. Clarke.	'93 Mrs. C. A. Cadwell.	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	146	44	78	200	112	12,714
Waterbury, First.....	1861	James A. Clarke.	'93 Henry F. Sanford.	37	23	2	1	1	5	2	344	110	103	250	135	36,000			
" " Second.....	1894	C. C. Sailer.	'97 Henry F. Sanford.	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	650	180	345	610	396	65,000
" " Third.....	1894	C. C. Sailer.	'97 Carl Wels.	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	18	20	65	45	5,800
Yalesville.....	1876	E. R. Perkins.	'97 F. C. Lovrey.	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88	21	44	138	98	5,500
" " Second.....	1894	C. C. Sailer.	'95 W. A. Kendrick.	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	35	44	100	56	4,500
Totals, Churches, 36.....	Pastors.....33	208	142	35	6	139	117	10	72	42	2,380	3,698	6,765	84	4,155	84	\$551,174
Totals, 1897, Churches, 33.....	Pastors.....30	329	149	40	11	187	158	17	86	13	7,692	2,558	6,973	4,309	152	5502	883

* Including two mission schools.

† Last year's returns.

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CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money raised for all pur- poses.		
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Society.	Bible and Pub. Socy.	Ministerial Education.	Wid. and Home.	Support of Church Poor.		Other Objects.	S. School Benevo- lence.
Ansonia, First.....	\$1,939.00	\$210.32	\$71.85	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$21.25	\$37.03	\$37.00			\$10.15	\$36.50	\$68.32	\$55.00	\$187.11
Branford, Macedonia.....	740.35	78.40		10.00	12.00		17.00	11.50				2.10	1.00	15.00	53.05
Cheshire.....	296.00		2.00									5.00		16.20	69.80
Chester.....	1,114.08	72.84		16.48	20.41	28.00	23.00	28.05						11.60	132.56
Clinon.....	805.95	11.92	7.50	7.10	10.70		10.80	30.00						6.98	98.05
Cromwell.....	750.00	113.27	10.00	10.00	26.00		31.00		\$10.00			6.70	23.40	50.78	93.63
Deep River.....	1,867.30	113.64	67.07	19.53	23.08	59.81	32.08	34.64	22.13	16.03	10.75	48.53	15.29	16.38	336.51
Dix.....	2,431.00	46.73	28.00	3.00	53.81	13.00	29.08	34.64	4.00	16.03	18.15	48.53			18.50
Easton, First.....	4,680.96	*469.55	222.43	177.92	230.02	108.97	239.50	74.00	70.65	78.00	40.00	174.47	523.08	*150.24	18,500
Hamden.....	1,280.27	69.17	5.00	25.00	62.55		5.00			10.00		36.60	9.10		142.55
" Main Street.....	3,659.20	232.18	25.10	23.00	30.00	65.00	90.00	51.61	17.50			49.03	10.25	88.55	450.04
" Swede.....	1,015.83		15.00	15.00	25.00		26.00					72.75	47.14		200.98
Middletown.....	2,500.00	343.70		116.50		134.25	38.00	96.50				170.00			545.25
Monterose.....	963.58				45.00		15.40	11.53						63.41	141.56
Monterose, Calvary.....	978.00	43.63		7.55						69.63		369.74	1,398.63	293.14	4,169.10
New Haven, First.....	6,510.00	761.35	170.10	577.73	822.36	110.75	174.79	60.00				436.91	1,714.67	232.80	8,929.44
" Germantown, First.....	4,610.00	281.54	154.00	123.05	170.75	70.75	140.75					72.40	177.63	50.05	689.15
" Germantown, Grand Avenue.....	2,446.00	146.42		33.50	30.45	60.00	81.50			55.00	7.00	14.50	13.55		193.71
" Hope.....	1,146.00	140.70	20.50	20.12	20.45	24.00	94.00	10.00		21.35		84.50	10.00		443.00
" Howard Ave.....	1,637.86	65.26	40.64	50.00	75.00	58.88	42.83	11.50				25.00			63.65
" Immanuel.....	1,525.00	11.83		6.65		7.00	12.00								13.00
" Olivet.....	1,337.50		18.33	26.25	28.82	17.20	30.46	30.97				14.67	169.00	12.00	25.00
" Swede.....	483.00		15.00	9.50	9.25										33.75
Plantville.....	909.00			8.50	19.00				4.70				2.60		34.80
Saybrook (Windrop P. O.).....	431.05	4.72	4.48	1.50	2.00				2.19					* 5.00	10.17
Seymour, German.....	120.00	23.15	5.00	4.50	* 3.00					4.00					38.50
Shelton.....	2,307.20	81.83	7.70	4.50	1.50		25.00	5.00	7.64			14.70	5.00		66.54
Southington.....	1,480.00	185.73	32.68	34.15	125.00	34.40	46.00	21.13	13.24	35.00	10.00	76.54	223.22	94.31	684.16
Watsonville.....	2,005.00	74.23	120.00	182.00	392.98	69.55	61.50					83.19	97.37		1,054.10
Waterbury, First.....	2,859.48	351.94	116.00	84.00	115.00	56.25	42.25		10.00	44.31		1,188.09	43.00		1,739.94
" German.....	557.17	29.00		13.50	6.00			16.50	5.00	2.00			8.25		91.25
" Second.....	1,182.00	83.85		20.00									6.00		57.00
Yalesville.....	1,992.05	55.76		20.00		20.00		5.00					12.00		1,003.84
Totals.....	\$1,365.14	\$4,340.16	\$1,292.46	\$1,777.60	\$3,039.99	\$1,073.11	\$1,374.98	\$667.28	\$210.55	\$394.30	\$96.56	\$2,185.90	\$5,747.12	\$1,377.61	\$19,151.47
Totals, 1897.....	\$8,955.65	\$3,627.67	\$1,903.41	\$2,578.50	\$3,640.32	\$1,315.47	\$1,220.77	\$662.48	\$124.89	\$516.13	\$101.53	\$2,298.03	\$8,684.90	\$1,258.84	\$24,406.30

* Including mission schools.

† \$1,300 paid on parsonage.

‡ Last year's figures.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.				PRESENT CONDITION.			SUNDAY-SCHOOL.			Value Church Property free of Debt.		
				Baptism.	Letter.	Excom- muni- cation.	Restora- tion.	Letter.	Excom- muni- cation.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total En- rolled.	Men.	W'n.	Total En- rolled.		Average Attendance.	Added to Church.
Borah,	1831	Chas. H. Peckham,	97 Lewis Ford,	4	4	..	..	..	..	3	5	..	71	*20	40	60	33	..	\$5,500
Colchester Borough, ..	1836	Frank Day,	97 Jonathan Allen, ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	4	169	*25	50	53	23	..	8,707
Scott's Hill,	1780	E. F. Nye,	97 Wm. E. Mixer, ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	30	18	39	20	..	2,000
Fitchville,	1887	R. E. Turner,	97 Wm. D. Thatcher, ..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	80	24	32	95	50	..	8,900
Haddam (Moodus P. O.),	1810	Jabez Marshall,	94 James E. Emmons, ..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	53	13	20	65	36	..	3,800
Lake's Pond,	1840	Ezra W. Darrow,	98 Gordon C. Avery,	6	..	..	..	..	6	2	..	2	75	12	19	97	25	3	1,800
Lebanon,	1805	R. E. Turner,	92 Nath'l C. Barker, ..	3	2	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	171	*60	120	96	50	1	4,000
Lyme, East,	1769	H. E. Martin,	84 L. E. Watrous, ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	155	*31	52	147	66	..	5,000
" North,	1810	J. G. Ward,	85 C. S. Jewett, ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	130	39	63	170	..	..	2,500
" Old,	1848	R. V. Kings,	96 S. J. Smith, ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	123	34	40	162	84	..	7,200
Montville, Union, ..	1848	R. G. McKee,	93 Allen Penhalow, ..	9	16	1	..	..	..	6	14	1	516	*150	300	383	170	9	30,000
New London, First, ..	1804	R. S. Crocker,	97 Mary Hughes, ..	6	1	..	..	2	..	3	..	4	416	*123	250	301	151	6	20,300
" Shiloh,	1840	J. L. Frink,	97 Jas. A. Stanton, ..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	6	13	161	43	75	147	65	..	7,600
Niantic,	1843	L. W. Frink,	97 Geo. A. Smith, ..	28	10	..	..	..	1	17	11	..	701	245	315	519	260	1	56,205
Norwich, Central, ..	1840	J. D. Hart,	97 Harry Comstock, ..	8	8	..	..	9	53	7	..	53	379	193	290	153	4	22,000	
" First,	1800	H. E. Wise,	97 P. T. Young, ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	18	36	118	53	..	1,850
" Mt. Calvary,	1891	..	98 Walter A. Hinkley,	1	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	125	34	51	80	60	5	8,000
Quaker Hill,	1845	G. Carlyle Sauer,	98 Mrs. L. A. Comstock,	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	37	8	14	58	18	1	4,300
Salem,	1785	J. Chester Hyde,	97 James S. Scranton,	2	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	462	*100	350	175	112	..	11,400
Waterford, First, ..	1710	H. M. Wolf,	92 James A. Gallup, ..	17	3	..	..	..	..	6	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals, Churches, 22 ..	..	Pastors,	21	94	48	5	..	40	64	1	66	20	4,106	1,154	2,071	3,680	1,607	33	\$300,562
Totals, 97, Churches, 23	..	Pastors,	19	102	66	5	6	44	24	16	51	104	4,188	1,200	2,000	2,971	\$1,589	95	\$194,765

+ Last year's figures.

* Estimated.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.											Money raised for all Pur- poses.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's House Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Young People's Ben' V'ce.	Bible and Publication Society.	Minis- trial Ed- ucation.	Men's and Wd. F'd and H'me.	Support of Church Objects.	S. School Benevo- lence.	Total Benevo- lence.
Bozrah,	\$874.81	\$48.11	\$1.50	\$15.00	\$5.25	\$5.55	\$5.63	\$2.00	\$5.63	\$4.00	.....	\$2.00	\$6.00	\$25.63
Colbrook, Borough,	600.00	17.25	5.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.25
" Scott's Hill,	201.00	.....	5.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.40
Fitchville,	1,029.82	16.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.66
Haddam (Woodus P. O.),...	648.00	50.00	10.00	4.00	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36.00
Lake's Pond,	703.00	12.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39.00
Lebanon,	703.00	22.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	2.50	2.50	24.00	13.00	5.00	.....	10.00	.....	75.00
Lyons, East,	715.00	28.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	38.00	10.00	10.00	.....	25.00	4.00	58.00
" " North,	553.00	18.00	13.00	15.00	30.00	20.00	25.00	26.06	3.00	.....	\$3.00	.....	11.31	170.31
" " Old,	627.00	15.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	11.82	.....	.....	2.00	10.00	.....	18.00
Montville, Union,	963.96	60.03	16.14	20.42	19.82	20.07	26.06	55.09	55.17	55.17	65.38	505.36	102.00	121.40
New London, First,	3,438.44	116.25	59.53	83.39	92.74	48.87	54.04	131.70	.....	.....	50.00	61.25	.....	1,788.20
" Hunt'gton St.,	2,993.28	140.73	.....	38.28	38.28	36.35	39.56	108.30	11.23	8.00	.....	.....	.....	445.57
" " Shiloh,	374.58	16.00	3.26	1.08	3.20	.....	.....	6.40	6.40	75.54	2.71	.....	1.00	17.71
Niantic,	837.00	36.00	163.00	170.00	.....	4,752.34	37.46	11.50	50.00	75.00	50.00	228.50	162.90	8,108.58
Norwich, Central,	5,835.75	713.00	3.00	14.00	7.00	75.25	22.50	.....	.....	3.00	.....	46.08	56.78	3,186.69
" " First,	2,890.00	146.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	941.81
" " Mt. Calvary,	1,077.12	48.29	2.89	3.51	2.23	19.93	6.26	16.80	2.44	.....	.....	6.53	5.00	65.18
" " Mt. Calvary,	1,077.12	48.29	2.89	3.51	2.23	19.93	6.26	16.80	2.44	.....	.....	6.53	5.00	65.18
Quaker Hill,	971.54	55.00	28.30	6.88	16.05	9.73	7.50	20.99	2.20	8.30	3.80	.....	23.00	190.02
Salem,	296.50	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	6.00	297.50
Waterford, First,	1,464.00	100.00	26.54	7.50	.....	15.00	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	150.00	500	208.04
Totals,	\$23,771.75	\$1,715.89	\$334.96	\$323.28	\$423.95	\$5,027.29	\$276.85	\$885.59	\$199.08	\$174.01	\$182.35	\$2,897.72	\$433.64	\$11,735.91
Totals, 1897,	\$27,917.70	\$1,311.81	\$469.80	\$444.35	\$430.01	\$937.05	\$459.21	\$603.13	\$148.42	\$146.29	\$134.88	\$949.28	\$204.24	\$6,750.29
														\$36,010.90

* A legacy of \$4,500 is included.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Loss.	PRESENT CONDITION			SUNDAY-SCHOOL			Value Church Prop- erty			
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experi- ence.	Restora- tion.	Letter.	Fracture.		Exclu- sion.	Death.	Gain.	Total En- rolled.	Res. Membs. Men.	W'm.		Total Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.
Groton, First.....	1705	D. W. Phelps,	'95 Simeon Gallup.....	8	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	198	40	60	102	79	8	\$11,000
Groton Heights.....	1843	E. T. Miller,	'90 J. Frank Edgcomb.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	269	*66	120	242	119	.....	13,000
Jewett City.....	1840	J. W. Payne,	'89 J. E. Phillips.....	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	8	195	59	98	224	88	.....	13,000
Laurel Glen.....	1854	.....	C. T. Holdridge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	22	9	7	57	27	.....	500
Mystic Union.....	1765	Archibald Wheaton,	'83 J. O. Fish.....	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	59	131	291	330	175	1	21,000
Neank.....	1843	W. C. Martin,	'94 W. A. Fraser.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	503	*133	367	*324	170	.....	10,000
No. Stonington, First.....	1741	.....	H. F. York.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	174	240	30	61	25	.....	2,500
" Second.....	1765	.....	Elmer E. Coon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	175	23	55	463	17	.....	3,000
" Third.....	1827	Richard Kemp,	'96 Orrin Chapman.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	175	65	13	65	30	.....	5,000
Packerville.....	1828	A. A. Robinson,	'86 Chas. E. Hopkins.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2	81	65	13	65	.....	5,000
Plainfield, Union.....	1792	S. W. Delzell,	'83 Waldo Tillinghast.....	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	201	*50	100	145	66	6	12,000
Poquonock Bridge.....	1856	N. T. Allen,	'89 Daniel Morgan.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	140	55	55	99	39	1	4,000
Preston City.....	1812	C. Leavens Eldridge,	'96 S. P. Green.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	130	30	45	139	50	7	9,000
Sterling.....	1816	Justus Aldrich,	'96 S. P. Green.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	80	10	24	430	25	.....	3,450
Stonington, First.....	1775	Henry Clarke,	'91 M. A. Pendleton.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	9	864	101	182	185	96	31,000
Stonington, Third.....	1856	.....	S. H. F. Ross.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	31	*8	12	28	10	.....	2,500
Voluntown.....	1822	E. Dewhurst,	'83 G. P. Douglass.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	158	27	34	87	71	.....	6,500
Totals, Churches, 18.....	Pastors.....	40	18	37	84	61	126	3,320	859	1,415	2,208	1,110	22	\$192,450
Totals, 1897, Churches, 18.....	Pastors.....	32	21	1	3	35	67	1	55	103	3,471	921	1,781	2,272	1,172	35	\$148,850

* Estimated.

† Last year's returns.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.												Total Benevo- lence.	Money raised for all Pur- poses.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young Peoples' Bible and Pub'n Soc'y.	Ministe- rial Edu- cation.	Men's and Wid. F'd and H'me Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.	S.-School Benevo- lence.				
Groton, First.....	\$902.00	\$85.29	\$46.00	\$30.50	\$51.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$25.00	\$21.00	\$10.00	\$7.00	\$1.34	\$43.23	\$249.14	\$1,189.43	
Groton Heights.....	1,454.28	106.50	6.51	4.85	10.40	5.00	18.14	\$86.00	9.85	5.00	21.00	44.30	8.18	163.73	1,734.51	
Jewett City.....	2,115.88	23.81	23.81	18.19	52.38	62.72	85.52	59.54	.....	.....	11.49	28.02	.....	301.67	3,417.55
Laurel Glen.....	143.00	11.24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90.91	51.36	42.25	533.07	3,200.27
Mystic Union.....	2,200.00	92.40	111.28	172.41	213.43	83.00	97.27	88.00	.....	25.26	.....	30.00	.....	394.36	2,200.27
Noank.....	1,810.00	.....	75.00	50.00	55.00	73.00	80.00	55.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	433.38	138.75
No. Stonington, First.....	409.17	15.21	2.00	.....	.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	158.75
" Second.....	137.00	17.75	6.00	4.00	5.50	16.45	3.50	11.30	.....	4.00	.....	27.00	.....	77.75	718.16
" Third.....	491.75	12.60	13.50	17.15	17.37	9.76	9.22	23.00	5.40	.....	.....	.....	9.25	100.65	605.00
Packerville.....	1,694.66	59.20	6.20	13.10	27.00	22.55	60.11	13.00	.....	100.00	36.00	27.96	.....	277.96	2,001.82
Plainfield Union.....	418.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	15.00	493.00
Pocomoek Bridge.....	552.00	17.12	.....	.....	12.72	4.16	4.16	2.50	.....	3.20	.....	9.27	.....	30.54	590.66
Preston City.....	562.00	.....	10.00	4.62	4.00	7.62	4.00	2.50	4.02	.....	.....	.....	68.00	49.33	495.73
Sterling.....	2,037.82	127.57	135.70	80.00	125.40	71.33	60.00	124.74	.....	63.00	2.00	37.00	.....	75.23	2,915.01
Stonington, First.....	452.14	7.31	3.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	17.50	65.23	1,327.23
" Third.....	1,202.00	80.00	6.00	4.00	5.50	16.45	3.50	11.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92.25	1,327.23
Voluntown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$17,073.61	\$535.42	\$442.00	\$406.82	\$579.70	\$392.04	\$337.4	\$276.88	\$43.77	\$22.30	\$50.26	\$207.50	\$205.15	\$186.21	\$3,409.95	
Totals, 1897.....	\$14,729.95	\$1,221.12	\$102.69	\$236.23	\$566.72	\$280.50	\$375.51	\$214.30	\$40.40	\$182.48	\$12.00	\$331.51	.....	\$3,427.27	\$19,056.08

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS — SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.			Churches.		Pastors.		INCREASE.			DECREASE.			PRESENT CONDITION.			SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		Value of Church Prop. at Free or Debl.					
			Churches,	15	Pastors,	14	Baptism	Letter.	Export.	Restora- tion.	Letter.	Estruc- ture.	Exclu- sion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrolled.		Resident Members.		Total Enrolled.	Average Attn. per Church.	Added to Church.
																			Mcn.	Wm.			
Ashford.....	15	Pastors,	14	34	12	6	30	4	48	27	1,895	436	807	1,295	592	35	\$115,775						
Fairfield.....	20	"	18	167	84	22	5	77	63	45	36	1,048	1,785	2,286	1,382	102	393,185						
Hartford.....	30	"	31	157	25	13	119	34	18	75	105	1,374	2,459	7,791	2,090	87	471,450						
New Haven.....	36	"	32	190	141	31	6	138	114	9	72	3,008	3,669	7,730	4,125	84	550,674						
New London.....	22	"	20	94	48	5	40	64	1	66	30	1,154	2,071	3,080	1,697	33	200,562						
Stonington.....	17	"	13	40	18	.....	37	84	.....	61	.....	589	1,415	2,268	1,110	23	132,450			
Totals.....			Churches, 140	691	460	89	24	441	303	73	258	17	25,191	7,239	19,306	19,300	8,906	364	\$1,887,096				

FINANCIAL TABLES — SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.													Money Raised for all Pur-poses.	
Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publica-tion Society.	Minist'ial Educa-tion.	Min-ist' and Wid-ow.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects	Sunday-School Be-nevolence.	Total Be-nevolence.		
Ashford.....	\$ 12,890.04	493.40	317.14	205.04	1,845.19	390.39	322.56	161.79	64.45	43.30	.....	111.81	201.85	127.85	3,199.64	17,888.75
Fairfield.....	94,897.99	1,790.56	458.10	468.21	543.98	494.89	512.49	286.41	72.09	153.80	153.94	763.13	1,130.58	385.20	5,325.76	41,944.33
Hartford.....	53,449.02	2,672.95	910.86	1,093.59	3,240.06	675.41	597.94	700.20	157.59	466.56	99.52	1,182.16	1,613.51	712.58	10,465.74	65,765.44
New Haven.....	61,301.56	4,340.16	1,252.40	1,777.60	3,039.90	1,073.11	1,374.86	697.28	210.55	390.30	98.55	2,185.50	5,747.12	1,377.61	19,151.47	85,157.84
New London.....	26,771.75	1,715.89	394.96	393.98	423.95	5,027.20	276.55	385.50	159.08	174.01	189.35	1,042.63	2,867.72	453.64	11,735.91	40,227.77
Stonington.....	17,073.61	535.42	442.00	406.82	579.70	392.04	337.42	376.88	43.77	92.30	50.26	297.50	265.15	186.21	3,469.36	31,073.78
Totals.....	\$ 200,384.87	11,018.40	3,775.52	4,319.54	8,272.87	7,903.07	8,422.24	2,578.06	707.92	1,224.17	352.62	5,558.72	11,985.09	9,949.09	58,248.47	272,082.41

SUMMARY FOR 1877-1898.

CHURCHES.										HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.													
TOTALS BY YEARS.		ADDED BY					REMOVED BY			CONTRIBUTIONS FOR										Average per Member.	Total Benev.	Other Objects.	Total Objects.
Pastors.	No. of Churches.	Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	Total Membership.	Home Expenses.	Education Society.	State Con-vention.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Widows' P'd and Minis-ters' Home.	Womans' Home Mis-sionary Society.	Womans' Foreign Mis-sionary Society.	Bible and Publication Society.	Other Objects.					
1877	119	747,908	70,329	305,149	66,925	30,640	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$1,462,945.97	\$100,646.60			
1878	121	885,394	51,29	416,838	92,229	20,677	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	1,462,909.87	114			
1879	121	859,336	56,43	357,137	85,290	20,767	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	1,099,773.08	114			
1880	119	831,332	28,15	383,115	121,279	20,618	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	1,065,265.84	167			
1881	120	858,311	55,20	378,127	70,257	20,890	149,232.00	149,232.00	149,232.00	149,232.00	149,232.00	149,232.00	149,232.00	149,232.00	149,232.00	149,232.00	149,232.00	149,232.00	149,232.00	137			
1882	121	867,422	41,33	378,134	65,336	20,810	134,340.54	134,340.54	134,340.54	134,340.54	134,340.54	134,340.54	134,340.54	134,340.54	134,340.54	134,340.54	134,340.54	134,340.54	134,340.54	139			
1883	121	803,419	81,27	446,82	80,259	20,813	146,572.65	146,572.65	146,572.65	146,572.65	146,572.65	146,572.65	146,572.65	146,572.65	146,572.65	146,572.65	146,572.65	146,572.65	146,572.65	137			
1884	125	769,854	71,25	444,255	60,270	21,558	147,615.43	147,615.43	147,615.43	147,615.43	147,615.43	147,615.43	147,615.43	147,615.43	147,615.43	147,615.43	147,615.43	147,615.43	147,615.43	136%			
1885	126	743,367	70,30	362,104	75,354	21,755	101,063.19	101,063.19	101,063.19	101,063.19	101,063.19	101,063.19	101,063.19	101,063.19	101,063.19	101,063.19	101,063.19	101,063.19	101,063.19	136			
1886	126	754,404	75,24	435,206	99,279	21,656	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	136			
1887	136	769,433	75,24	435,206	99,279	21,656	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	136			
1888	136	771,442	75,24	435,206	99,279	21,656	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	136			
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1891	136	771,442	75,24	435,206	99,279	21,656	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	136			
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1899	136	771,442	75,24	435,206	99,279	21,656	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	114,528.24	136			

HISTORIC RECORD.

The Connecticut Baptist Convention, originally styled "The General Convention of the Baptist Churches of the State of Connecticut and Vicinity," was first organized at Hartford in October, 1823. No annual session was provided for until the session of 1826.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	PREACHER.	TEXT.
1823	Hartford,	Asa Wilcox,	Augustus Bolles.		
1824	Middletown,	Asa Wilcox,	Albert Day.		
1825	Hartford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day.		
1826	Wallingford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day,	J. M. Peck.	
1827	Hartford,	Asbel Morse,	Albert Day,	Esck Brown.	
1828	Middletown,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Gurdon Robins,	B. M. Hill.	
1829	Hartford,	Rufus Babcock,	Gurdon Robins,	J. Cookson.	
1830	Mansfield,	Elisha Cushman,	Gurdon Robins,	P. Brockett,	Rom. 12: 14.
1831	Meriden,	Elisha Cushman,	Augustus Bolles,	G. Phippin,	Isa. 60: 1.
1832	Middletown,	Elisha Cushman,	Albert Day,	G. Robins,	Psaln 133: 1.
1833	Lebanon,	Elisha Cushman,	J. H. Linsley,	L. Kneeland,	2 Tim. 4: 5.
1834	Hartford,	Elisha Cushman,	A. Stanwood,	N. Wildman,	Isa. 43: 21.
1835	Middletown,	J. H. Linsley,	S. S. Mallory,	E. H. Noale,	Isa. 53: 1.
1836	Norwich,	J. Cookson,	William Palmer,	S. H. Cone,	Luke 7: 38.
1837	Hartford,	J. Cookson,	R. Turnbull,	J. Cookson,	Isa. 61: 11.
1838	New London,	J. Cookson,	B. Cook,	B. Cook,	Jude 3.
1839	New Haven,	J. H. Linsley,	H. Wooster,	R. Turnbull,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1840	Essex,	George Reed,	William Reid,	F. Wightman,	Matt. 24: 14.
1841	Hartford,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	R. Babcock,	John 4: 35-38.
1842	Middletown,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	T. C. Teasdale,	
1843	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	J. Dowling,	Eph. 3: 10.
1844	New Haven,	A. Parker,	E. Savage,	D. Ives,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1845	New London,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	A. Parker,	Num. 14: 21.
1846	Hartford,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	A. G. Palmer,	Isa. 62: 1.
1847	Deep River,	R. Turnbull,	E. Cushman,	J. S. Swan,	Num. 14: 8.
1848	Suffield,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	E. Cushman,	1 John 5: 19.
1849	Bristol,	H. Miller,	E. Cushman,	E. T. Hiscok,	Heb. 6: 10.
1850	Danbury,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Matt. 25: 40-45.
1851	Stonington,	E. T. Hiscok,	E. Cushman,	C. Willett,	Luke 1: 3-6.
1852	New Haven,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	J. N. Mardock,	Eph. 24: 24.
1853	Norwich,	William Reid,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	Isa. 60: 3.
1854	Hartford,	J. N. Mardock,	E. Cushman,	H. Miller,	Matt. 10: 34-36.
1855	Meriden,	L. Lewis,	E. Cushman,	J. L. Hodge,	Gal. 2: 20.
1856	Middletown,	W. S. Clapp,	E. Cushman,	W. Reid,	Acts 1: 8.
1857	New London,	C. Willett,	E. Cushman,	A. D. Denison,	Phil. 2: 15.
1858	Southington,	F. Denison,	E. Cushman,	J. A. Bailey,	Psaln 130: 4.
1859	Hartford,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	W. Fitz,	2 Cor. 4: 7.
1860	New Haven,	P. G. Wightman,	E. Cushman,	J. P. Brown,	2 Cor. 4: 4.
1861	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	D. H. Miller,	Isa. 42: 4.
1862	Stamford,	J. P. Brown,	E. Cushman,	D. Ives,	1 Cor. 8: 6.
1863	Willimantic,	C. S. Weaver,	E. Cushman,	C. B. Crane,	1 Cor. 1: 39.
1864	Essex,	George Lovis,	E. Cushman,	G. M. Stone,	John 21: 4-6.
1865	Danbury,	S. Graves,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	1 Tim. 3: 15.
1866	Hartford,	J. A. Bailey,	E. Cushman,	I. H. Gilbert,	2 Cor. 9: 22.
1867	Mystic River,	C. B. Crane,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Rev. 5: 10.
1868	New Haven,	A. C. Bronson,	E. Cushman,	E. Lathrop,	1 Peter 2: 5.
1869	Deep River,	R. J. Adams,	E. Cushman,	B. S. Morse,	Mark 1: 40-42.
1870	New Britain,	A. P. Buell,	J. A. Bailey,	H. G. Masou,	Ecc. 9: 4.
1871	Norwalk,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	G. L. Hunt,	1 Tim. 4: 1, 2.
1872	Waterbury,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	A. G. Palmer,	Eph. 1: 18.
1873	New Haven,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. J. Sage,	1 Cor. 13: 3.
1874	Putnam,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	C. E. Smith,	Prov. 4: 23.
1875	Hartford,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	
1876	Suffield,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	Zech. 4: 16.
1877	Norwich,	A. G. Palmer,	R. Turnbull,	F. F. Emerson,	Neh. 9: 6, 17.
1878	Meriden,	E. Lathrop,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. Davics,	Matt. 16: 3.
1879	Danbury,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	B. F. Bronson,	1 Cor. 11: 1.
1880	Bridgeport,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. M. Taylor,	1 Cor. 1: 21.
1881	New London,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. R. Stubbett,	Jonah 3: 3.
1882	Ansonia,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	G. H. Miner,	1 Cor. 1: 24.
1883	New Haven,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	M. H. Pogson,	Acts 5: 20.
1884	Norwich,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	O. C. Sargent,	Luke 2: 33.
1885	Hartford,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	J. V. Garton,	Matt. 6: 10.
1886	Waterbury,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	G. W. Holman,	Matt. 28: 20.
1887	New Britain,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	B. W. Lockhart,	John 8: 37.
1888	Hartford,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	D. H. Taylor,	1 John 4: 16.
1889	Putnam,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	P. G. Wightman,	Isa. 54: 2.
1890	Middletown,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. R. Gow,	Matt. 9: 10-13.
1891	New Haven,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	W. G. Fennell,	Matt. 17: 20.
1892	Willimantic,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. S. James,	Heb. 6: 5.
1893	Danbury,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	H. M. Thompson,	Jonah 4: 10.
1894	Norwich,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. B. Lemon,	Jonah 3: 8.
1895	Bridgeport,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. D. Herr, D.D.,	Acts 10: 44.
1896	New London,	Wm. A. Grippin,	P. S. Evans,	J. H. Mason,	Rom. 13: 8.
1897	Hartford,	Wm. A. Grippin,	P. S. Evans,	Wm. D. McKinney,	Zech. 4: 6.
1898		Wm. A. Grippin,	P. S. Evans,	E. M. Potcat, D.D.,	Phil. 3: 10, 11.

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CHARTER.

Passed May, 1820.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened,* That Asabel Morse, Caleb Moore, Joseph B. Gilbert, John Bolles, Hezekiah Huntington, Elisha Cushman, Noadiah Woodruff, David King, Jesse Savage, Pierpont Brockett, David Bolles, Isaac Dwinnell, Eli Ball, George Mitchell, David Turner, Jeremiah Brown, Asahel Otis, Jonathan Goodwin, Jr., Orra Martin, Asa Talmadge, Chauncey Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Elijah Filley, and their associates, be and they are hereby formed into, constituted, and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Education Society*," and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all suits of whatever nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure. And may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. The said Baptist Education Society may from time to time elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may elect and receive additional members; make by-laws respecting number, qualifications, and duties of their officers and members; prescribe the mode of election and admission of members; the time, place, and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum; and all other by-laws and regulations which said society may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns to promote and secure the essential objects of said Society, as expressed in their constitution — not repugnant to the laws of this state, or of the United States.

Sec. 3. The first meeting of said society shall be held at Hartford, on the first Wednesday of May, A.D. 1821.

Sec. 4. This act of incorporation, and every part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Society shall be known by the name of "The Connecticut Baptist Education Society."

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the kingdom of Christ.

Art. 3. The Society shall consist of such persons as pay into the treasury one dollar or more annually; also of delegates from churches and auxiliary societies, which shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting as follows, viz.: Every church and auxiliary society contributing to the funds of the Society five dollars annually shall be entitled to one delegate, and those contributing ten or more dollars, two delegates; the payment of fifteen dollars in advance shall constitute membership for life.

Art. 4. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually in any manner the Society may determine.

Art. 5. The Society shall also elect by ballot, at its annual meeting, Trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution, as provided by the amended charter, and actively foster and advance our educational interests in this State.

Art. 6. The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to manage the concerns of the Society during its recess, to control its funds and property; to examine and admit candidates to the benefits of the Society; and at every annual meeting of the Society they shall make a faithful report of their doings the preceding year.

Art. 7. The Secretary shall keep a record of the beneficiaries, and record the acts of the Society and of the Executive Committee, draw all orders on the Treasurer authorized by said Committee, conduct the correspondence, give notice of meetings, and prepare the annual report of the Executive Committee to the Society. The Treasurer shall have charge of the current funds of the Society, and pay them out only to the order of the Secretary; he shall also safely hold all bonds, notes, deeds, and other evidences of property belonging to the Society, giving ample security for these trusts. His accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditor, and he shall make a detailed report of the

same quarterly to said committee, and annually to the Society. The Auditor shall examine annually, or oftener, the accounts and securities of the Treasurer, and certify the same.

Art. 8. The Executive Committee shall, annually, at its first quarterly meeting, appoint a Finance Committee of three of its own members, who shall negotiate and invest all legacies, bequests, and other permanent funds of the Society, unless otherwise provided by their donors, according to the laws of Connecticut concerning trust funds.

Art. 9. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of other business shall be holden during the week and at the same place of each meeting of the Convention. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. The business of the Society may be transacted at all regular meetings by a majority of the members present.

Art. 10. Every person admitted to the benefits of this Society must be a member of some regular Baptist church. He must produce a letter from said church, certifying his good standing, and its commendation of him as one called of God to the ministry. He must satisfy the Executive Committee that he possesses gifts promising usefulness in the work; and he shall, furthermore, be recommended to the patronage of the Society by at least three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination.

Art. 11. No person shall be aided by this Society unless he shall certify his intention to take a full course of study preparatory, collegiate, and theological, unless, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, his age and circumstances do not admit of such a course; and the institutions in which beneficiaries pursue their studies shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; and, voluntarily failing to enter the ministry, or for sufficient cause being dropped from the list of beneficiaries, he shall refund the money, with interest, he has received from the Society.

Art. 12. The personal services of those who are appointed to manage the concerns of the Society shall be in all respects gratuitous.

Art. 13. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution, except at an annual meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, written notice of the proposed change having been given and recorded one year previous to its adoption.

N. B. — The Amendment alluded to in Art. 5 is the Amendment to the Charter of the Connecticut Literary Institution, approved July 9, 1862, which reads: "That the Board of Trustees shall consist of not less than twenty-one (21), nor more than thirty-three (33),

members, to be chosen for three (3) years, one-third of the number annually, by the Connecticut Baptist Education Society."

Notice.—All persons sending money to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will please send direct to Mr. E. B. Boynton, 902 Main Street, Hartford.

All communications for the Board, or application for assistance, should be addressed to the Secretary, Rev. E. C. Sage, New Haven.

THE SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

MERIDEN, Oct. 19, 1898.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the First Baptist Church, Meriden, beginning at 10 A. M., with the President, Rev. W. G. Fennell, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. B. Curtis. The chair appointed the following committees:

On Nomination.—Rev. J. C. Braker, Rev. J. H. Strong, Deacon J. W. Manning.

On Enrollment.—Deacon J. L. Denison, Rev. F. Day, Rev. E. Berger, Rev. J. R. Verry, Rev. Joseph McKean.

On Nomination of Trustees of Connecticut Literary Institution.—Judge M. H. Smith, Rev. W. P. Elsdon, Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr.

The annual report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Secretary:

Brethren of the Connecticut Baptist Education Society:

The Executive Committee, to which have been entrusted the affairs of the society for the past year herewith presents its annual report. Attention is called to the fact that this is the seventy-ninth anniversary of the Society, making it to be the oldest of all the organizations within the state holding anniversaries at this time. Incorporated by act of the legislature in May, 1820, having enjoyed a continuous existence for almost four-score years, and having had enrolled upon its list of beneficiaries as well as upon that of its officers, names of many men of great ability, usefulness, and honor in the service of the Master, it is suggested that at its next anniversary special recognition be given to its honorable history.

In this connection it may be well to speak of the relation of this society to the Connecticut Literary Institution, located at Suffield. Our constitution provides for the appointment by this body of the trustees of that institution. This is the extent of our organic connection with this school. Offerings intended for that school should not be sent to our treasury, as all money used by this Society is spent in aiding young men whose choice of school may or may not be our own state institutions. Our students are scattered, being now enrolled at Brown, Newton, Worcester Academy, Yale, Chicago University, Columbia, Revere, Johns Hopkins, as well as at Suffield. Charged by the constitution with the management of the concerns of the Society, the Executive Committee has held regular quarterly meetings during the year, at which time careful consideration has been given to all features of our work. At these quarterly meetings letters have been read from the young men who are under the care of the Society, and every possible means has been used to keep the committee informed concerning the character, educational standing, as well as the needs of these young men. The students themselves have freely sought counsel from the committee concerning school, courses of study, plans of living, etc. During a part of the year there have been under our care fourteen students. Four of them no longer ask aid, so that the number of names upon our list of beneficiaries has been reduced to ten.

These students are all worthy young men, ranking high in their classes and winning from their teachers respect and confidence. In the judgment of those who know them best, they all give promise of great usefulness in their chosen calling, and no warmer supporters of the Society which aids them can be found than their own pastors and the churches where they hold their membership. Unfortunately the means for obtaining a proper equipment for the ministry is not within their reach. Most of them, for the bare necessities of an educational course being dependent for aid from some source outside their own families. With great reluctance, but with sincere gratitude, they look to our Society for the small amount granted to them.

The committee has also endeavored to keep in touch with the churches of the state. In accordance with a vote of the society at its last annual meeting, there was prepared a circular, setting forth succinctly the objects, work, and needs of the Society. Two thousand of those circulars have been distributed among the churches. The Secretary has held correspondence with every pastor within the state. All the associations in the state have been visited and addressed by one of the officers of the Society. A system of pulpit exchanges has enabled the president and secretary to present the claims of ministerial education in a number of churches. For these opportunities of addressing the people, for the numerous courtesies

extended by pastors, clerks, and moderators, the Board wishes herewith to express its sincere thanks.

Evidences are appearing that the churches of the state are awakening to the importance of sustaining this, our oldest state organization. A reference to the treasurer's book shows that while last year the contributing churches numbered only 43, this year the number has risen to 66, a gain of 23, or more than 50 per cent. But this gain in the number of contributing churches has been offset by a decrease in the offerings of individuals, there having been no pledges made at the last annual meeting; still the aggregate of contributions has considerably increased over that of last year.

Because of the state of the treasury at our last quarterly meeting, the committee did not feel justified in entertaining new applications, but with great regret it found it necessary to refuse aid to several worthy and needy young men. Brethren, must this continue? Have we not a right to expect that the young men whom God is calling from our own churches in the state of Connecticut shall, by those churches, be furnished aid adequate to enable them to properly fit themselves for the responsible and important positions which in the providence of God they are soon to occupy.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SAGE, *Secretary.*

The Treasurer then presented his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EDWARD MILLER, Treasurer,

In account with

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report, Oct. 21, 1897, . . .	\$130.83
Collections and annual memberships at convention, Oct. 21, 1897,	51.22
Life membership of Miss Mary S. Crandall, . . .	15.00
Contributions from Churches,	1,113.68
" " Walter S. Gray,	5.00
" " Mrs. Oliver Woodworth,	5.00
" " H. L. Thompson,	5.00
Interest on note, \$1,000, July 1, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1898, bequest,	62.50
Bills payable,	1,165.00 — \$2,553.23

EXPENDITURES.

Appropriations,	\$1,240.00
Expenses,	36.85
Printing Minutes in State Convention Report, . .	30.00
Interest,	35.63
Bills payable,	1,175.00 — \$2,517.48
Balance in Bank,	\$35.75

STATEMENT.

Note, June 16th, Seth J. Hall,	\$750.00
Paid on account, Oct. 18, 1898,	300.00
	\$450.00
Cash in bank,	35.75
Deficit,	\$414.25

HARTFORD, Oct. 18, 1898.

I have examined the above account, and compared vouchers
for expenditures, finding the same to be correct.

THOMAS SISSON,
Auditor.

EDWARD MILLER, Treasurer,

In account with

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

1897.					
Oct. 21.	Balance of hand, last report, Oct. 21,				
	1897,				\$130.83
	Collections and annual memberships,				51.22
30.	Asylum Av. Baptist Church, Hartford,			\$41.00	
Nov. 10.	Calvary Baptist Church, New Haven,			\$5.00	
1898.					
Aug. 24.	" " " " " "			27.50—	32.50
1897.					
Dec. 1.	Olivet " " Hartford,			4.98	
Mar. 1.	" " " " "			4.00	
June 1.	" " " " "			4.17	
Aug. 31.	" " " " "			3.51—	16.66
Dec. 7.	Second " " Danbury,				14.00
11.	Grand Av. " " New Haven,			.90	
Aug. 31.	" " " " " "			19.20	
Sept. 28.	" " " " " "			2.20—	22.30
Dec. 15.	Willimantic " " Willimantic,				2.85
Jan. 3.	Memorial " " Hartford,			7.00	
Apr. 1.	" " " " " "			9.00	
July 5.	" " " " " "			8.00—	24.00
5.	No. Lyme " " Lyme,				10.00
Feb. 5.	South " " Hartford,			40.00	
Apr. 27.	" " " " " "			31.75	
Aug. 8.	" " " " " "			31.00—	102.75
Feb. 24.	Wallingford " " Wallingford,				25.00
Mar. 5.	Second " " Waterford,			1.12	
June 9.	" " " " " "			6.01	
Sept. 13.	" " " " " "			1.20—	8.33
Mar. 12.	First " " Waterbury,				44.31
30.	E. Wash. Av. " " Bridgeport,			12.95	
June 21.	" " " " " "			7.08	
Sept. 20.	" " " " " "			10.26—	30.29
Apr. 11.	Warrenville " S.-S., Warrenville,				1.00
11.	Second " Church, Waterbury,				2.25
11.	S. Willington Sunday-School, .				5.00
11.	Stepney Baptist Church, .				7.50
15.	S. W'dstock " " .				2.00
16.	Sterling Hill " " .				3.20
May 18.	S. Windsor Baptist " " .				4.00
June 14.	Plantville " " .				5.00
18.	Danielson " " .				9.38
20.	First " " Essex,				16.03
25.	Jewett City " " .				5.00

June 30.	First Baptist Church, Meriden,	70.85	
Oct. 5.	" " " "	40.00—	110.85
June 30.	" " " Hartford,		100.00
July 18.	Brooklyn " " "		2.00
23.	Hunt'gt'n St. " " New London,		8.00
Aug. 16.	Main St. " " Meriden,		17.15
24.	Central " " Thompson,		7.30
24.	Cromwell " " "		4.00
29.	First " " Norwich,		3.00
31.	Calvary " " Torrington,		4.00
31.	Central " " Norwich,		50.00
Sept. 6.	Cornwall Hollow Baptist Church,		1.50
8.	First Baptist Church, Suffield,		5.00
17.	Second " " "		16.38
19.	First " " New London,		54.17
26.	Niantic " " "		.54
26.	Moodus " " "		1.00
26.	East Lyme " " "		5.00
30.	Stamford " " "		10.00
Oct. 3.	Spring Hill " " Mansfield,		13.46
4.	Tariffville " " "		10.00
5.	Ansonia " " "		13.40
5.	Deep River " " "		14.48
7.	Branford " " "		4.00
8.	First " " New Haven,		30.00
12.	Olive Branch Sunday-school, Meriden,		10.00
12.	Emanuel Baptist Church, Waterbury,		1.00
12.	First " " Putnam,		24.60
12.	" " " Willimantic,	19.51—	974.69
1897.			
Dec. 31.	Life membership, Miss Mary S. Crandall,		15.00
Sept. 6.	Contribution, Walter V. Gray,		5.00
Oct. 7.	" " Friend,		5.00
7.	" " H. L. Thompson,		5.00
Jan. 18.	Bills payable, Edward Miller,	190.00	
Feb. 1.	" " " " "	35.00	
Apr. 11.	" " " " "	190.00—	415.00
June 16.	" " Seth J. Hall,	750.00—	1,165.00
Jan. 8.	Int. on note, \$1,000, 6 mos. to Jan. 1, bequest,		25.00
June 30.	" " " " July 1, "		25.00
Oct. 12.	" " " " 3 mos. to Oct. 1, "	12.50—	62.50
17.	Asylum Av. Baptist Church, Hartford,		24.30
17.	First Baptist Church, Wallingford,		25.00
18.	Asylum Av. " " Hartford,		51.00
18.	N. Britain " " "		26.18
18.	Worthingt'n " " New Milford,		6.51
18.	Memorial " " Hartford,	6.00—	138.99

\$2,553.23

EXPENDITURES.

1897.			
Oct. 25.	Expenses, Rev. Edward O. Holyoke,		\$5.00
Nov. 3.	Appropriation No. 1055, F. W. Blakeslee,	\$31.25	
Dec. 8.	" 1056, F. D. Elmer,	31.25	
Jan. 17.	" 1057, M. A. Bolton,	25.00	
	" 1058, F. W. Blakeslee,	31.25	
	" 1059, W. F. Clark,	21.25	
	" 1060, R. F. Craig,	31.25	
	" 1061, P. S. Evans, Jr.,	31.25	
	" 1062, C. F. Field,	25.00	
	" 1063, C. L. Owen,	31.25	
	" 1064, E. K. Smith,	25.00	
	" 1065, Jesse F. Smith,	31.25	
	" 1066, M. J. Twomey,	31.25	
	" 1067, A. L. Wyman,	31.25	
	" 1068, Samuel J. Smith,	10.00—	387.50
Feb. 1.	" 1069, Printing Minutes,		30.00
	" 1070, 5,000 envelopes,		5.00
Apr. 11.	" 1071, M. A. Bolton,	25.00	
	" 1072, F. W. Blakeslee,	31.25	
	" 1073, W. F. Clark,	22.50	
	" 1074, P. S. Evans, Jr.,	31.25	
	" 1075, C. F. Field,	25.00	
	" 1076, C. L. Owen,	31.25	
	" 1077, E. K. Smith,	25.00	
	" 1078, Jesse F. Smith,	31.25	
	" 1079, M. J. Twomey,	31.25	
	" 1080, A. L. Wyman,	31.25	
	" 1081, Samuel J. Smith,	10.00—	295.00
	" 1082, Secretary's expenses,		9.00
May 14.	" 1083, Printing, H. & R.,		3.75
June 30.	" 1084, F. W. Blakeslee,	31.25	
	" 1085, P. S. Evans, Jr.,	31.25	
	" 1086, M. A. Bolton,	25.00	
	" 1087, C. F. Field,	25.00	
	" 1088, Chas. L. Owen,	31.25	
	" 1089, E. K. Smith,	25.00	
	" 1090, Jesse F. Smith,	31.25	
	" 1091, M. J. Twomey,	31.25	
	" 1092, A. L. Wyman,	31.25	
	" 1093, Samuel J. Smith,	10.00—	272.50
Oct. 7.	" 1094, F. W. Blakeslee,	31.25	
	" 1095, M. A. Bolton,	31.25	
	" 1096, W. F. Clark,	31.25	
	" 1097, P. S. Evans, Jr.,	31.25	
	" 1098, C. F. Field,	25.00	

Oct. 7.	Appropriation No. 1099, E. K. Smith,	\$81.25	
	“ 1100, J. F. Smith,	31.25	
	“ 1101, S. J. Smith,	10.00	
	“ 1102, M. J. Twomey,	31.25	
	“ 1103, A. L. Wyman,	31.25—	285.00
	“ 1104, Secretary's expenses,		10.10
25.	Bills payable, E. Miller, note, Jan. 30, 1897,	50.00	
	“ “ “ “ July 14, 1897,	50.00	
Feb. 5.	“ “ “ “ Feb. 1, 1898,	35.00	
June 16.	“ “ “ “ Oct. 8, 1896,	360.00	
16.	“ “ “ “ Jan. 18, 1898,	190.00	
16.	“ “ “ “ April 11, 1898,	190.00—	875.00
Oct. 25.	Interest on \$50, Jan. 30 to Oct. 25, . . .	2.22	
25.	“ \$50, July 14 to Oct. 25, . . .	.86	
June 16.	“ \$360, 1 year and 69 days, . . .	25.74	
16.	“ \$190, 149 days, . . .	4.72	
16.	“ \$190, 66 days, . . .	2.09—	35.63
Oct. 17.	Postage,	2.50	
	Revenue stamps, . . . . .	.22	
	Receipt blanks, . . . . .	.38	
	Expenses to Hartford, auditing books, . . .	.90—	4.00
Oct. 18.	Bills payable, paid on account, note of Seth J. Hall,		300.00
			<hr/> \$2,517.48

Following the reports of the secretary and treasurer, a general discussion was engaged in, and the claims of the society earnestly set forth by brethren on the floor. The reports were then adopted and ordered printed.

Brother John L. Denison of Hartford read an interesting sketch of the society's history, speaking at length of the career of Thomas J. Pilgrim, the first man to receive aid from the society. An inspiring address was made by the President.

Spontaneously, an appeal was made to raise the entire amount of indebtedness, and under the leadership of Rev. C. A. Piddock, the result was joyously achieved.

Reports were made by Rev. J. C. Breaker for the Committee on Nomination, and by Judge M. H. Smith for Trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution. (See list of officers.)

On motion, the clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for the persons named, and they were declared duly elected.

The principal address of the occasion was delivered by Rev. Wallace Buttrick, D.D., of Albany, N. Y., upon the subject, "The Importance of a Thoroughly Educated Ministry."

Rev. J. R. Stubbett offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we do hereby express our gratitude and thanks to our retiring treasurer, Brother Edward Miller, Sr., for his long and faithful services as the treasurer of this society."

The session closed, with prayer by Rev. J. B. Connell.

E. C. SAGE, *Secretary*.

A LEAF FROM THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

BY J. L. DENISON, ESQ.

We have been engaged for 79 years in collecting contributions and gifts amounting to about \$120,000, and investing the money in 189 young men preparing to do special work. The first investment of \$250 was made in 1820 with Thos. J. Pilgrim of the Middletown church, which appreciated his fitness for special Christian work. He was licensed to preach, and this society sent him to Hamilton, N. Y., with Jabez S. Swan of Stonington as his roommate. His health failed him at the end of the second year, but his desire to labor in the Master's service had been increased intensely by Dr. Kendrick, the President, and, though disappointed in his plans, he resolved to do what he could in whatever station he might be.

In 1827 the battle between Christianity and Infidelity was to be fought in Texas. Robert Owen offered the government \$5,000,000 for the land between the Brazos and Colorado Rivers, and from the Gulf to Burleson and Bastrop Counties, where there should be no Sunday, no Bible, no preacher, no individual property, and no God. The Mexican government scorned his gold, and contracted with Moses and Stephen F. Austin for the occupancy of the land, compelling them with one hand on the Bible and the other making the sign of the cross to declare that they would bring no person to Texas who was not of high moral character and a firm believer in God and His Holy Word and the Sabbath.

God, who was preparing great things for that state, directed the steps of young Pilgrim to join Stephen F. Austin in making up the immortal colony of 309 families as a Christian center of state life. He arrived in Matagorda January, 1828. There was only one house there, and only six rude houses in Galveston. He passed through Columbia to Felipe, engaged in teaching, assisting Stephen F. Austin in translating the laws for the press, which was the only one in the state and the first in Texas.

As a superior Latin scholar, student of that prince of scholars, Dr. A. C. Kendrick, he soon became a profound master of the Spanish language, and the most earnest teacher in the colony. His

pure and profound soul felt that nothing but the Bible and its Holy teaching could ever form the basis of personal and political greatness, hence he founded in his little log cabin school house with dirt floor, no windows, with seats of logs hewed on one side, laid across the house, the first Sabbath-school known west of the Sabine River, and every Sabbath morning sought to lead his 33 students and the young people for ten miles around to Jesus. For fifty years he was the devoted advocate of Sunday-schools, acting superintendent and teacher, traveling all over the state, from Galveston to Denison, and from Marshall to El Paso. He was one of the few who met in 1848 in Gonzales to organize a Baptist church, and was one of the deacons. He was the first to form a Bible Society there, the first to organize a temperance society, and the first president of the Board of Trustees of Gonzales College, and for years its treasurer. For a series of terms he was elected justice of the peace, and held many places of honor and trust.

At Gonzales, October 29, 1877, he heard the Master's call, and, casting his eyes back on his weeping wife and children, and his beloved Texas, what changes he beheld. Instead of one little Sabbath-school, more than four thousand in all denominations; instead of one poor preacher, he saw more than 1,200 Baptist preachers; instead of the little colony of 300 families, surrounded by 60,000 Indians and 8,000,000 Mexicans, he saw more than 2,000,000 inhabitants in an empire with an area of territory that would absorb fifty-four states like Connecticut, and leave enough in the margin to take in Rhode Island and the Providence plantations.

Such is the dividend for the investment of \$250, and for such work the society asks for funds.

"The workman dies, but the work goes on."

LIFE MEMBERS

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

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 Bartlett, Matthew J.
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 Butler, Mrs. Emily J.
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 Hyatt, Mary A.
 Irish, Mrs. Sarah P.
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 Sibley, L. S.
 Silliman, Dea. Ezra
 Sisson, Thomas
 Slate, Daniel L.
 Slater, Rev. F. A.
 Sloper, A. J.
 Smith, M. H.
 Smith, Rev. Leonard
 Spencer, Carnot O.
 Spencer, Dea. J.
 Starkweather, Mrs. H. E.
 Southworth, Levi B.
 Stevens, W. B.

Stevens, Dr. B. H.
 Steward, Mrs. Matilda
 Stidham, Rev. I. F.
 Stone, Rev. G. M.
 Strickland, James L.
 Stubbart, Mrs. Emma S.
 Sullivan, W. H.
 Taylor, Rev. J. A.
 Terrell, Edward
 Thompson, Rev. H. M.
 Thompson, Mrs. H. M.
 Thompson, A. M.
 Thompson, D. W.
 Tuller, G. W.
 Turner, Peter C.
 Turner, Mrs. Peter C.
 Turner, Rev. R. E.
 Twiss, Waldo
 Vaun, Samuel A.
 Walker, W. F.

Wallace, James A.
 Ward, N.
 Wayland, Hon. F.
 Weller, Samuel
 West, L. M.
 West, Rev. W. Ward
 White, Abijah
 White, Mrs. Abigail
 White, J. W.
 Whitford, H. G.
 Wilbur, R. P.
 Wightman, Rev. P. G.
 Wilcox, E. H.
 Willard, Charles E.
 Williams, Hon. D. J.
 Williams, James A.
 Wilmot, George R.
 Wilson, Rev. Cable
 Wilson, Rev. C. B.

APPLICATION FOR AID.

When a young man applies for aid he is required to present a letter from his church, in substance, as follows:

This certifies that Mr. _____ is a regular member of the _____ Baptist Church in this town; that he sustains a good moral and religious character; that in the judgment of this church he is called by the Lord to the Christian ministry; and that he possesses talents which, with a good education, would render him useful in his sacred work. He is, therefore, recommended to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society for their patronage.

Signed by order and in behalf of the _____ Baptist Church in _____

Clerk.

Pastor.

This certificate must be endorsed by three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination, in addition to the signatures of the clerk and pastor of the church of which the applicant is a member.

BRIEF RECORD OF ASSOCIATIONS.

[For Statistics see Tables.]

STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.

The 126th Anniversary was held with the Voluntown Baptist Church Wednesday and Thursday, June 8-9, 1898. Rev. J. P. Brown was chosen Moderator, and Rev. E. Dewhurst, Clerk. Rev. Frank Dixon preached, having for his theme "The Supremacy of a Pure Church." The doctrinal sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Martin from Heb. i, 14. The claims of the different missionary organizations were ably presented by their respective representatives. The Women's Missionary Societies held their usual meetings. Miss E. M. Hanna and Miss Ella D. MacLaurier spoke for Foreign Missions, and Mrs. G. C. Lathrop for Home Missions. The next anniversary will be held with the Sterling Hill Church. Rev. D. W. Phelps, preacher of the annual sermon, with Rev. L. W. Delzell, alternate. Preacher of Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. E. T. Miller; alternate, Rev. A. A. Robinson.

ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held Sept. 7th and 8th, with the Church in Willimantic, Rev. J. B. Lemon, pastor. The former Moderator, Bro. Theodore D. Pond of Brooklyn, presided. There are fifteen churches, each served by a regular pastor. Baptisms had been comparatively few, and a loss of one hundred was reported in the associational membership. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. L. Atherton, from Eccl. iii, 7: "The Power of Silence." At the evening session addresses were made by Pastor Bamberg, on "Church Music;" by Mrs. W. L. Atherton, on "Young People's Missionary Societies," and by Pastor Bartlett, on "Associational Fellowship." The Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies held a joint meeting Wednesday, Mrs. Preston and Mrs. E. Dewhurst presiding. Rev. J. B. Lemon was chosen Moderator, and Rev. G. C. Chapell, Clerk. Next anniversary at Danielson, Sept. 6th. Rev. J. L. Bamberg, preacher; Rev. H. J. Bartlett, alternate.

NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.

The 81st Anniversary was held with the Montville Union Baptist Church at Palmertown, Sept. 14th and 15th. Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr., was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. Chester Hyde was re-elected Clerk. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. C. H. Peckham. Text, I John, v, 4, 5. Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr., preached the Missionary Sermon. Text, Chron. xx, 20. The whole of Wednesday evening was given to the interests of Young People's Societies, 16 having

reported last year (1897), aggregating 1,005 members. But 12 societies report this year (1898), aggregating 780. There were 94 baptisms reported from 14 churches. The loss in membership was 26. Total benevolence was \$12,033.42, of which \$4,670 was given as a legacy by a member of the Central Norwich Baptist Church, who made the Woman's Home Missionary Society her residuary legatee. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies held meetings at which Mrs. Amanda Miller Coleman and Miss Lizzie Hyatt were heard. Most excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Chas. E. Reese, Financial Secretary of Newton Theological Institution; M. H. Pogson, D.D., Secretary of the Ministers' Home; Mrs. E. G. Wheeler, representing the American Baptist Publication Society; Rev. C. A. Piddock, of the State Convention, and E. C. Sage, D.D., of the Education Society. The next meeting will be held with the Bozrah Church, Sept. 13 and 14, 1899. Preacher of the Annual Sermon, Rev. J. G. Ward; alternate, Rev. R. E. Turner. Of the Missionary Sermon, Rev. S. G. Hastings; alternate, Rev. H. E. Wise.

HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.

The Association met Sept. 21st and 22d with the Church in Torrington. This church had been recognized in 1896, and their chapel dedicated in 1897. Rev. John H. Strong was chosen Moderator, and Rev. L. B. Curtis, Clerk. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. S. Lyon, from Rom. i, 16, "The Gospel the Power of God unto Salvation. An open parliament on Systematic Beneficence was held, and profitable addresses made by Pastor Fennell on "The Church the Unit of Christian Beneficence"; Pastor Stone, on "The Proportionate Claims of the Several Missionary Agencies"; Pastor Curtis, on "Individual Responsibility for Missions"; Pastor Gates, on "The Best Means of Disseminating Missionary Intelligence." Rev. J. H. Strong preached the missionary sermon, "With the Lord a Thousand Years are as One Day, and One Day as a Thousand Years." The Young People's Rally on Wednesday evening was addressed by Rev. C. A. Piddock and Rev. W. G. Fennell. At the Woman's Meeting for Missions, Miss Ella Bond spoke for Foreign and Mrs. A. M. Coleman for Home Missions. The next Annual Meeting will be with the Rockville Church, Sept. 20, 1899.

FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.

The 60th Anniversary was held with the First Church, Bridgeport, Sept. 28th and 29th. The annual sermon was preached, Phil. iv, 18. The missionary sermon by Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D. Rev. G. W. Nicholson was chosen Moderator, Rev. George D. Reid, Clerk. There was a discussion on practical church work. Pastor Braker spoke on "Systematic Giving"; Pastor Hands, on "Evangelistic Effort"; Pastor Brooks on "The Sunday Evening Service." The

Woman's Home Mission Society was addressed by Mrs. M. C. Reynolds, and the Foreign Society by Miss Lizzie Hyatt. The next anniversary will be held Sept. 27, 1899, at a place to be appointed.

NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.

The 73d Anniversary was held with the Essex Church, D. W. P. Chipman, Pastor. Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D., Moderator of last year, called the Association to order. Rev. W. G. Fennell was chosen Moderator; Rev. J. H. Gardner, Clerk. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. E. M. Poteat, D.D., from 2 Tim. ii, 2. Addresses were made by Pastor McKinney on "The Church's Fellowship"; by Pastor Clarke, on "The Church's Opportunity"; by Pastor Foster, on "The Church's Needs," and by Pastor Fennell, on "Missions and Beneficence." The Woman's Meeting was addressed by Mrs. McWhinnie and Mrs. Dewhurst for the Home Field, and Mrs. Wheaton and Miss Hyatt for the Foreign Field. The next anniversary will be held with the Olivet Church, New Haven. Rev. R. Maplesden, preacher; Rev. F. G. Parry, alternate, Oct. 4, 1899.

WHERE TO SEND MONEY FOR MISSIONS.

STATE MISSIONS—Mr. W. F. Walker, New Britain, Conn.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Mr. E. P. Coleman, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONS—Miss Alice E. Stedman, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

HOME MISSIONS—Rev. F. T. Hazlewood, D.D., Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS—Miss Gertrude L. Davis, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

PUBLICATION SOCIETY—Rev. Chas. H. Spalding, 256 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

BAPTIST MINISTERS' HOME—Rev. M. H. Pogson, D.D., West Farms, New York, N. Y.

CONNECTICUT EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY—Mr. E. B. Boynton, Hartford.

BAPTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES—Year Book, 1898.

Regular Baptists—43,397 Churches, 27,355 Ministers, 4,055,806 Members.

Other Baptists—Six Divisions—6,030 Churches, 8,534 Ministers, 324,387 Members.

Theological Seminaries, 7; Instructors, 67; Students, 1,040; Property, \$2,060,873; Endowment, \$2,392,180.

Universities and Colleges, 94; Instructors, 1,594; Students, 22,460; Property, \$20,534,982; Endowment, \$13,067,672.

Academies, 77; Instructors, 554; Students, 10,059; Property, \$4,191,917; Endowment, \$731,079.

SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
Conference of Baptist Ministers of Connecticut.

First Baptist Church,
Meriden, Oct. 17, 1898.

Conference was called to order at 1.30 P. M. by the president, Rev. W. D. McKinney. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D. The chairman appointed, as a Nominating Committee, Rev. J. C. Breaker, Rev. J. G. Ward, and Rev. F. D. Luddington. This committee reported the following list of officers:

President — Rev. W. D. McKINNEY, Ansonia.

Secretary — Rev. H. M. THOMPSON, Hartford.

DIRECTORS.

Ashford,	Rev. C. H. BROWN.
Fairfield,	Rev. GEORGE D. REID.
Hartford,	Rev. JOHN S. LYON.
New Haven,	Rev. A. K. FOSTER.
New London,	Rev. J. C. HYDE.
Stonington,	Rev. W. C. MARTIN.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERS' HOME.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford.

Rev. J. R. Stubbart, New London.

Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Bridgeport.

J. Amsbury, Danbury.

The secretary read the report of changes in the ministry of the state.

One had died, Rev. Amos D. Watrous of Deep River.

Two were ordained during the year: P. DeCarlo, Stamford; Leslie O. Brooks, Bridgeport.

Eleven new men entered the work in the state.

There were five pastoral changes in the state.

Aside from these changes, fifteen men resigned their pastorates.

The new men in the state were then introduced and welcomed to the Conference by the moderator.

An essay was read by Rev. R. Maplesden. Theme: "Some Modern Prophets." Discussion followed.

Rev. Dr. Pogson presented the interests of the Ministers' Home at West Farms, New York, and an offering was taken up for the Home.

An essay was then read by Rev. Addison Moore. Theme: "The Celestial and Social Order." An Analogy. Discussion followed.

Committee of Arrangements for the next year was appointed, consisting of Brethren Meyer, McKeever, and Maplesden. They reported the following order, which was adopted:

Essayist, Rev. Harold Pattison.

Alternate, Rev. S. G. Hastings.

Essavist, Rev. J. H. Strong.

Alternate, Rev. H. E. Wise.

Committee on Divorce, consisting of Hon. Hadlai A. Hull, Rev. T. P. Briggs, Rev. A. K. Foster, and Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D., reported through Rev. A. K. Foster. The committee was continued, substituting the name of Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., for that of Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D.

It was moved that the committee be relieved from the duty of preparing a memorial to the legislature, and that it take such steps as it deemed wise regarding the subject of divorce.

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. A. K. Foster:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that all persons whose marriage has been dissolved by the civil law shall look to the civil law alone for the consummation of any marital relations desired.

After considerable discussion the resolution was laid on the table.

Minutes were read and approved.

After prayer, the Conference adjourned.

REV. W. D. MCKINNEY, *President*.

REV. H. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.



